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Latest push: Camps in 400 districts for easy loans

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

STATE-OWNED banks and Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) will jointly organise loan distribution programmes in 400 districts across the country in the next one month for retail, agriculture and MSME customers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Thursday after a review meeting with heads of public sector banks.

To provide relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the government has advised banks not to treat stressed MSMEs loans as Non Performing Assets (NPAs) till March 31, 2020, and instead work towards timely resolution of these, she said. The relief will be provided under existing guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India.

"We have decided that in 200 districts of the country between now and September 29, there shall be a gathering which the banks will have of the NBFCs with whom they have tied up and given liquidity, and retail customers of the bank or new retail customers, all coming

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States cut traffic fines but raised no objection at GoM

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

WHILE SOME state governments have now objected to the steep increase in penalties for traffic violations under the new Motor Vehicles Act, none of the states, including Gujarat, gave a dissent note or a verbal objection when a Group of Ministers (GoM), comprising state transport ministers, discussed the issue at multiple meetings held over two years.

Last week, the Gujarat government was the first to announce a cut in the penalties for traffic violations, by up to 80 per cent in some cases. Some others, including BJP-ruled

states, have said they will rethink the new law.

"Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana — no one objected to the fines. There was no dissent... All the states were totally on board. Kerala was represented by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at one meeting," said BJP leader Yoonus Khan, who chaired the GoM. He was then the Rajasthan Transport Minister in the Vasundhara Raje government.

The GoM was set up by Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on March 2, 2016 to deliberate and recommend changes in the Motor Vehicles Act and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules. It submitted its recommendations in a series of

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Chair and pillow taken away, Chidambaram in Tihar until Oct 3

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

NOTING THAT "it is not a case where no case is made out against the accused" and that "investigation is still in progress", a Delhi court Thursday extended the judicial custody of senior Congress leader and former Union Minister P Chidambaram, arrested by the CBI in the INX Media case, till October 3.

When Chidambaram appeared in the Rouse Avenue court of Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar at the end of his two-week judicial custody, his lawyer Kapil Sibal told the judge that Chidambaram does not have a chair in his cell: "His

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Govt's first move to allow foreign univs to set up campuses here

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE NARENDRA Modi government has dusted off the then UPA government's plan to allow foreign universities to set up campuses in India by introducing a provision in the Higher Education Commission of India Bill to permit their entry and operation.

The Bill aims to set up a single higher education regulator that will replace the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). The HRD Ministry is learnt to have circulated the draft law for inter-ministerial consultation this week.

EXPLAINED
Many failed attempts

GOVERNMENTS IN past tried to enact legislation for entry, operation and regulation of foreign universities. UPA-II's Foreign Educational Institutions Bill failed to pass muster and lapsed following opposition from BJP, Left, SP.

The Bill, sources said, carries a clause stating that the new Higher Education Commission can permit "highly-reputed

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MODI LEAVES FOR U.S. TODAY

PM will not discuss Article 370 at UN, it's internal matter: Govt

Trump hints at an announcement in Houston: Could be

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

FOREIGN SECRETARY Vijay Keshav Gokhale Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is leaving for the US Friday, will not discuss the issue of Article 370 at the United Nations and will focus on development and other issues when he addresses the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 27 morning.

Gokhale said Article 370 is an "internal issue", and the Prime Minister will focus on issues related to development and India's role in shaping the global agenda. "Terrorism is one of the issues, but will not be our focus," he said. While Pakistan has been trying to internationalise the ending of J&K's special status under Article 370, and plans to raise it at the UNGA, India has maintained that it is an "internal matter".

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Under wraps so far: 252 habeas corpus pleas in J&K HC since August 5

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE WRIT of Habeas Corpus is considered as one of the most basic protections a citizen is guaranteed under the Constitution against unchecked state power of taking people into custody without charging them. And the High Courts in the country are specially empowered to issue orders related to this writ, act swiftly — and order the government to produce the detainee before the court and ensure due process of law.

However, between August 16, when the second most senior judge of Supreme Court Justice SA Bobde said that he had a telephonic conversation with the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Gita Mittal, where he said that "BSNL lines

6 PETITIONS A DAY

KEY DATES	PETITIONS FILED
September 3	24
September 5	19
August 28	16
August 31	16
September 13	13

were working well", and September 16, when Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked for a report from Justice Mittal on allegations about restrictions accessing the High Court — an

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Derogatory word against PM is not sedition: Delhi Police to court

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE DELHI Police, in an action taken report (ATR) on complaints seeking the charge of sedition against Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar, told a Delhi court Thursday that "mere uttering a derogatory word, without more overt act, against PM of India did not constitute an offence under IPC sections 124-A/153-A".

While Section 124-A relates to sedition, Section 153-A is about promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony. Seeking dismissal of the complaint as "no cognizable

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Union Minister of State Babul Supriyo at Jadavpur University in Kolkata on Thursday. PTI

At Jadavpur, Left students manhandle MoS Supriyo, Governor rushes to rescue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

AMID HIGH drama, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Babul Supriyo was heckled and manhandled by a section of students at Jadavpur University (JU) on Thursday. The students gheraoed Supriyo for over five hours, stopping him from leaving the campus. When Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar

rushed to JU in the evening, his vehicle was also blocked for about an hour, before a huge police contingent reached the campus and escorted them out.

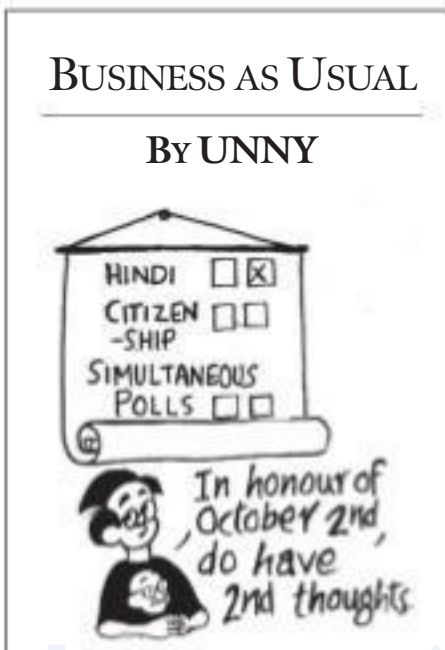
Supriyo later alleged that he was assaulted. "I was severely thrashed, my hair was pulled, and I was punched and kicked," he said. "This is not expected from students of JU. If they have a problem with me coming here, they should have debated the matter. They should not have

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KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

WHAT BEGAN as 25 letters sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June, inviting him to Houston during his US visit, has now become a mega event, with \$2.4 million collected by prominent Indian-American business leaders from 40 major donors and hundreds of smaller donors to host him at "Howdy, Modi!" on Sunday.

In June, some of the city's Indian-American professionals heard that Modi would be coming to New York in September for the UN General Assembly meet-

ing. Later that month, they learnt that along with their home, two other cities were in the running — Chicago and Boston — to host him. The India-US negotiations over Iranian oil sanctions had just peaked, and Houston, with 150,000 Indian-Americans, found its main selling point.

"Houston has a very vibrant Indian diaspora and it's a big energy capital. Energy security is a top priority of India," BJP's foreign affairs head Vijay Chauhaiwale said from Houston.

"India needs energy, and Houston has lots of energy. There could be a strategic partnership," said Jugal Malani, chair of the

Texas India Forum. Malani said the Forum was created in July specifically for organising the Modi rally, because they "didn't want to be associated with any other existing organisation". "None of us have experience of putting together an event like this," he said.

Along with a main committee of six members, there are 20 working committees, adding up to roughly 200 people. And then there is an army of volunteers.

From the owner of a company that surveys oil fields, to the founder of Chinmaya Mission in Houston, a Congress lobbyist, a county judge — the drivers of the two-month long preparation are



A billboard outside NRG Stadium, Houston. PTI

focussed on boosting India-US trade relations. Several of the prominent donors and organisers are wealthy business owners of oil, gas and energy companies, as well as corporate donors like Walmart and OYO USA.

After moving to the US in 1981 to work for his brother-in-law's small business, Malani began his own industrial products company 17 years later. For the last two decades, he has been the CEO of the Unique Industrial Product Company, supplying metal products domestically and globally.

"Houston is the energy capital of the world, and India consumes 10% of the world's energy," Forum spokesperson

Gitesh Desai said. "It has an interest to go to Houston and talk to the energy leaders."

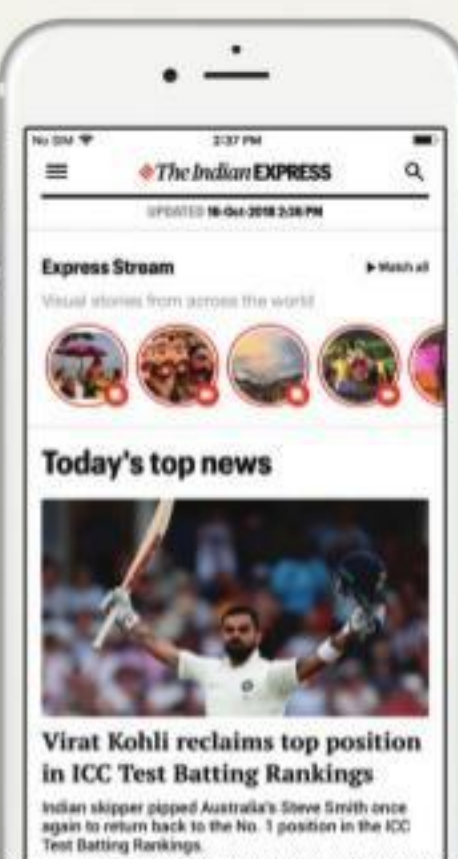
In 2008, Desai was the president of the Indo-American Political Action Committee, a lobbying group that has contributed almost equally to Democrats and Republicans, according to online records. It lobbied for the India-US nuclear deal as well as auditing of US aid to Pakistan, said Desai, who received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award in 2019.

Besides Malani, funding came from Swatantra Jain, who serves as senior vice president and director of petrochemical

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EXPLAINED: POK AND GILGIT BALTISTAN, PARTS OF J&K UNDER PAK OCCUPATION

Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is an area of 13,297 sq km, which was under the control of the Pakistani forces when the ceasefire line came into effect on January 1, 1949.

VIDEO OF THE DAY



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Sunny, Karan and Sahher talk about the romantic drama

FULL COVERAGE



CHIDAMBARAM TO STAY IN JAIL TILL OCT 3

Lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with the INX Media case

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The e-cigarette ban debate

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

On this episode of 3 Things we unpack why e-cigarettes were banned in India, traditional tobacco products are only regulated, and who will benefit from this ban

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Foreign univs

foreign universities" to set up campuses in India. This, effectively, reverses the BJP's earlier stand on the Foreign Educational Institutions Bill moved by the UPA-II government.

At that time, one of the main reservations on foreign universities operating in India was that they would raise the cost of education (high tuition fees, faculty poaching from public universities), rendering it out of reach for a large part of the population.

The Modi government, in its first term, had made several attempts to revive the Foreign Educational Institutions Bill, with NITI Aayog and the Commerce Ministry mainly pushing for it.

The conversation on reviving the UPA's plan to permit foreign universities to enter India started with a strategy paper that was shared by the Commerce Ministry, in April 2015, with the Ministries of External Affairs and Human Resource Development and NITI Aayog. This paper argued in favour of the "internationalisation" of Indian education to earn more foreign exchange and create an 'Educated in India' brand. The resurrection of the Foreign Educational Institutions Bill was one of the four action points cited by the Commerce Ministry in the strategy paper.

Following this, Modi called a meeting of top bureaucrats in June 2015 to discuss the feasibility of allowing foreign universities to set up campuses in India. At this meeting, the PM tasked NITI Aayog with preparing a feasibility report. NITI Aayog, in its report submitted to the PMO and HRD Ministry, favoured the entry of foreign universities.

The Commerce Ministry, in 2016, proposed that foreign universities should be allowed to set up campuses in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which will not have to follow domestic regulations such as non-repatri-

ation of profits. The HRD Ministry did not support the idea.

However, after the initial years of opposition, the HRD Ministry finally came on board and included internationalisation as one of its focus areas in its ambitious five-year plan called 'Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme' (EQUIP) released last month. The five-year vision document proposes that the government revisit the Foreign Education Providers Bill (shelved during UPA-II) "with an open mind".

The draft National Education Policy, released for public feedback in June, also pitches for permitting the world's top 200 institutions to set up branches in India, with a new law to regulate the latter's entry and operation.

Easy loans

together in a public place, or under a shamiana (tent) hopefully, where it is available for people to see (that banks and NBFCs are extending credit)," she said. Another 200 districts will be served between October 10-15.

Sitharaman said the thumb rule being used in such credit deployment activity is that for every old customer, banks should bring in five new customers. Banks will select these districts based on commercial potential.

On the relief to MSMEs, she said: "There exists a provision, given by the Reserve Bank of India, to ensure that MSMEs, if they are stressed assets, they may be SMA-1 or SMA-2 (Special Mention Accounts), the Reserve Bank's existing provisions itself empowers the banks to not declare them NPAs even after 90 days (of overdue payments), so very clearly we have told them (banks) invoking the RBI issued guidelines, till March 31, 2020, no stressed asset MSME will be declared an NPA." This will provide relief to banks, who will not have to make additional provisioning on such loans, as well as MSMEs

who will get extra time and credit for restructuring of loans.

Sitharaman said the banks have passed on interest rate cuts to customers and worked on improving credit flow to NBFCs and the economy. Banks have bought pooled loans totalling Rs 93,018 crore from NBFCs and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) in one year between September 2018 and September 15, 2019, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

This includes Rs 9,155 crore of buyout done under the recently announced partial credit guarantee scheme through which the government provides partial guarantee to banks against likely loan losses. Another Rs 33,200 crore worth of proposals under the credit guarantee scheme are being examined by the banks. Credit flow to NBFCs nearly choked after loan defaults by IL&FS group started in September last year.

Following the government's push, the state-owned banks have also entered into 14 tie-ups with NBFCs for co-origination of loans, and another 36 such tie-ups are in the pipeline. The Ministry said banks have also reduced their weighted average lending rates by 27 basis points till August 2019.

With the RBI mandating external benchmarking of loans, 15 public sector banks have announced repo-rate-linked loan products for housing and vehicles, consumer credit, cash credit limits and mortgage-based loans. Banks have already sanctioned over 1.08 lakh repo-linked proposals, amounting to about Rs 40,000 crore. "The remaining three Public Sector Banks will also be introducing such products by October 1. These measures are aimed at considerable improvement in access to affordable credit," the Ministry said.

Traffic fines

interim reports after every meeting.

According to records of the meetings, then Gujarat Transport Commissioner Kamal Dayani and then Gujarat Home Secretary Manoj Agarwal were both present at the meeting held on May 20, 2016, which endorsed the hefty penalties. At the meeting, the panel listed specific traffic violations and proposed fines, similar to those in the final Act. The interim report of the meeting recorded the panel's decision: "After detailed deliberations, we propose enhancement of penalties for violation of traffic regulations so that they act as a deterrent."

From April 29, 2016 to April 19, 2018, the 21 states represented in the GoM held at least five meetings — in New Delhi, Guwahati, Dharamshala, Bengaluru and Thiruvananthapuram — to discuss the provisions of the proposed law.

Among those who attended these meetings were the chief ministers and transport ministers of BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand, which, along with Gujarat, have now struck a discordant note on the Act. Uttar Pradesh was represented by then Transport Minister Swatantra Dev Singh, Maharashtra by Transport Minister Diwakar Narayan Raote and Jharkhand by Transport Minister CP Singh.

Among the others who attended the meeting were P Mahender Reddy, then Telangana Transport Minister, and A K Saseendran, Kerala Transport Minister.

Khan said the states which are now opposing the Act knew the details of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, and had ample time and opportunity to raise objections as well as sensitise people about the new provisions. "States are now spreading misinformation about the law. Why would people be bothered about the fines if they followed traffic

'PM won't discuss Art 370 at UN'

Writing in *The New York Times*, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, India's Ambassador to the US, in an opinion article *India Is Building a More Prosperous Kashmir*, has underlined: "Pakistan has a vested interest in preventing prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, and in the Ladakh area of Kashmir, because a weak economy fuels separatist sentiments in some quarters. This fits into Pakistan's larger strategy of using terrorism as a political tool. This is a country whose fingerprints are on terrorist strikes across the

world and that was home to Osama bin Laden in his last days. So it also opposes the repeal of Article 370, which legitimized discrimination and hindered economic progress."

Gokhale said Modi will visit the US from September 21 to September 27, during which he will meet Trump and address the UNGA session. While Modi will meet Trump for a bilateral meeting in New York, besides sharing the stage in Houston, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Washington DC for a bilateral visit.

A day after Modi arrives on September 21, Trump will join him in addressing the "Howdy, Modi!" rally which will be attended by members of the Indian-American community.

Trump has hinted that he could make an announcement at the event. Responding to a question from a reporter on a possible announcement, he said: "Could be. I have a very good relationship with Prime Minister Modi."

When Gokhale was asked about this, he said the question about a possible announce-

ment should be put to the US President himself.

Sources said that talks are underway to reach an arrangement on the US walking back on the revocation of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

Gokhale, on his part, said withdrawal of the GSP was an unilateral decision. India, he said, considered that it was "important" for its industry. Also, the two sides are discussing ways and means to resolve issues concerning medical devices.

252 habeas corpus pleas in J&K HC since Aug 5

unprecedented situation was unfolding in the Srinagar bench of the High Court.

In the last four weeks, a staggering 250 habeas corpus petitions have been filed in the Valley — almost six a day — by individuals challenging their detention by the government under the draconian Public Safety Act.

This crucial information has been kept under wraps when the top court was hearing a clutch of petitions on the situation in the Valley.

Records accessed by *The Indian Express* reveal that since August 5, when the government abrogated the state's special status and split it into two UTs and until Thursday, 252 habeas corpus petitions have been moved before the Srinagar wing of Jammu and Kashmir High Court challenging the prevention detention orders passed by District Magistrates under the PSA.

An analysis of the records shows:

■ Little urgency has been shown by the High Court — each case is either in the stage of admission or has been listed for orders: 147 petitions are in the

stage of admission and 85 are listed for orders. In 20 cases, the stage of case, is still unknown.

■ The first petition was filed on August 5 by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association — under Section 491 of the CrPc, which deals with the power of the High Court to issue directions of the nature of habeas corpus. However, the stage of the case is unknown. The second petition was filed on August 20. All petitions filed since August 20 challenged detention under the PSA. The maximum petitions (24) filed on a single day was September 3.

In how many cases have notices been issued to the government, in how many has the government responded — answers to these questions are not clear yet.

■ However, in 11 cases where orders passed by the Single Bench of the High Court have been uploaded online, what's clear is that there seems no tearing hurry. For instance, a petition that was filed on August 23 - was last listed "for orders" on September 16, 2019.

And on September 16, the order noted that the Additional

Advocate General has sought four more weeks to file a counter affidavit and the same was granted by the court and the court will now hear the matter October 9.

And in a case that's pending admission, the court took up the petition — filed on September 7 — on September 13. It issued notices to the government and gave it four weeks. The court listed the matter for October 14 as the next date of hearing.

■ Most of the petitions (147) challenged the detention and Section 22 of the PSA. Section 22 states that "No suit, prosecution or any other legal proceeding shall be against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith in pursuance of the provisions of this Act." Which effectively means that petitioners have challenged the detention order on the grounds that order was not passed in good faith. Out of the 147 petitions, 53 have been listed for orders and 90 are still in admission stage.

■ It further reveals that 83 petitions have moved before the High Court and have challenged section 8 of the Act. The section states that "the

Government may if satisfied with respect to any person that with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the state or the maintenance of public order." Which effectively means that the petitioners have challenged the detentions order on the grounds that their activity is not a threat to security of the state. Out of 83 petitions, 18 have listed for orders and 53 are still in the stage of admission.

■ Sixteen petitions have challenged the detention under Section 13 of the Act that states that grounds of order of detention needs to be disclosed to persons affected by the order. "When a person is detained in pursuance of a detention order, the authority making the order shall, as soon as may be, (but ordinarily not later than five days and in exception circumstances and for reasons to be recorded in writing, not later than ten days from the date of detention) communicate to him grounds on which the order has been made, and shall afford him the earliest opportunity of making a representation against the order to the Government," Section 13 states.

rules? The provisions are designed that way... In India, more people have died in road accidents than in wars," he said.

Chidambaram

chair was taken away, his pillow was also taken away. He has developed a back problem... he can only sit on his bed."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, said: "This has been done to sensationalise the issue. You could have told me about this." At this, Sibal said: "We are not sensationalising the issue, we are moving a formal application."

Chidambaram then addressed the judge, clarifying that jail authorities had placed two-three chairs in the hall outside his cell. "I would sit with the warden. All the chairs were removed. For my sake, the warden is not given the chair." When Sibal told Chidambaram: "No, why can you not have a chair inside your room," he said: "That's okay, leave it."

Mehta then addressed the judge: "I am glad that he (Chidambaram) has clarified this issue. Health of any inmate is of concern. Whatever is permissible in law will be done by the jail authorities."

Judge Kuhar said there was no change in the circumstances and noted that Chidambaram has already moved a bail plea before the Delhi High Court.

The court allowed medical examination of Chidambaram. "It is directed that the medical record submitted by the accused today be sent to Superintendent Central Jail Tihar who shall ensure that the accused is examined medically for his illness at the jail hospital

and, if required, be examined in multi-disciplinary hospital/institute like AIIMS, Safdarjung or Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital."

It also directed the jail superintendent to consider Chidambaram's request to provide a chair and pillow considering his complaint regarding back pain.

Babul Supriyo

assaulted me. They cannot stop me from going anywhere... This is the state of the education system in West Bengal," he said.

Later in the day, ABVP supporters went on a rampage inside the campus and vandalised the union room of the Left students' union.

The trouble began around 2.30 pm, when Supriyo went to JU to address an event organised by ABVP. He was gheraoed by protesters, from Left-affiliated student organisations, carrying black flags and shouting at him to "go back". Refusing to leave, Supriyo entered into a verbal altercation with the students. Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das tried to intervene and asked Supriyo to proceed to the event.

Supriyo then asked the V-C why he wasn't there on time to receive him. "Apart from being a politician, I have a separate identity. I am an elected representative, a Union Minister. Why didn't you receive me," he told Das.

"I was not invited," the V-C replied.

"I was invited to your campus. You should have been there. For people like you, there is anarchy in West Bengal. I am sure you are a Leftist," Supriyo said. "A central minister is coming to your campus. You wanted this to happen,"

he added.

The standoff continued for nearly an hour. When Supriyo finally entered the auditorium, the students continued their protests outside. After the event, Supriyo was again heckled and allegedly manhandled — at one point, his spectacles fell off. Das, who tried to intervene, was also heckled. Supriyo asked Das to call the police, but the V-C declined, citing police atrocities on students on the campus in 2014. Das later reportedly fell ill and was taken to a nearby hospital.

The protesters alleged that Supriyo had insulted and threatened some students. "He insulted the students and abused our women classmates. He showed rude hand gestures and threatened us with dire consequences. We will not let him leave unless he tenders an apology," said a student.

Supriyo refused to apologise. "They have assaulted me. Why should I apologise? Some miscreants are creating trouble, they should be rusticated," he said.

As the standoff continued through the afternoon, the Governor, who first called up Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Chief Secretary Malay Kumar De, reached the campus at around 7 pm. He escorted Supriyo to his vehicle, but they could not leave the campus as the students blocked their path. This continued for around an hour, while both Dhankhar and Supriyo remained inside the car.

Finally, at around 8 pm, a huge contingent of police reached the campus and escorted the Governor's vehicle out, through another gate.

"I had to go to JU. A Union min-

ister was held for over three hours. The Vice-Chancellor and Registrar left the campus. All avenues were exhausted, and I had to go personally so that the matter was resolved. He (Supriyo) is with me now," Dhankhar told *The Indian Express* later.

"I am the Chancellor of the university. I told the students that I was ready to listen to them, that I would try my best to address their grievances," he said.

A statement issued by Raj Bhavan said: "The Governor takes the incident very seriously as it involves the unlawful detention of a Union Minister and this is a very serious reflection on the law and order of the state and on the conduct of law enforcing agencies." Condemning the incident, West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said, "There is no security of a Union minister in Bengal. There is no law and order in Bengal, otherwise the Governor would not have to intervene to rescue the minister."

"We do not support this. In a democratic system, there is no bravery in heckling an elected representative. We condemn this," said senior TMC leader Tapas Roy. The TMC, however, criticised Dhankhar: "It is most unfortunate and shocking that our Governor, the custodian of the Constitution of the State, without informing the elected government, went to the so-called rescue of the BJP leader... BJP leader Babul Supriyo went there to attend the BJP students' wing programme without informing the government," said TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee.

"No one should deny democratic space to anyone. But I don't know who is responsible for this.

Has the BJP or the state government done this," said CPM MLA Sujan Chakraborty.

Sedition

offence is made out" from its contents, police said it will abide by the court's direction. The ATR was filed in the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Vasundhara Azad.

Advocate Ajay Agarwal had filed two complaints against Aiyar before the court. In one complaint, he accused Aiyar of calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "neech aadmi" before the 2017 Gujarat elections, allegedly to influence voters and incite hatred. He also alleged that Aiyar made several comments against the Indian government while on a tour of Pakistan.

In a separate complaint, Agarwal alleged that Aiyar held a meeting at his residence where he hosted dignitaries that included former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former Vice President Hamid Ansari, the Pakistan High Commissioner and a former Pakistan Foreign Minister. In his complaint, Agarwal alleged that the meeting took place without permission of the authorities concerned, broke protocol and those present conspired against India.

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police, which was asked to investigate the complaints, was directed by the court to file an ATR in the matter.

Seeking dismissal of the plea filed by Agarwal, the police, in its ATR, said "it is submitted that breaking protocol, if any, does not attract any penal provision under IPC or any other local & special law".

On the matter alleging conspiracy against India by those present, police said "the complainant is only assuming this and no such evidence has come on record to show the conspiracy till now".

Police also cited a 1995 Supreme Court judgment — Balwant Singh & Another Vs State of Punjab — to explain why Aiyar's comments did not constitute the offence of sedition.

The court has set December 16 for arguments on the status report filed by police. Agarwal later said: "From the ATR, it appears as if the Delhi Police is acting as the defence counsel of Mani Shankar Aiyar. I will contest the report filed by police which is totally devoid of any merit."

Howdy, Modi!

company Vinmar International and director-at-large of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston alongside Malani.

Another significant donor, Amit Bhandari, founded the conglomerate BioLirja Group, which includes an energy commodities trading company, a grain and animal feed supply company, and an oil supplies distributor.

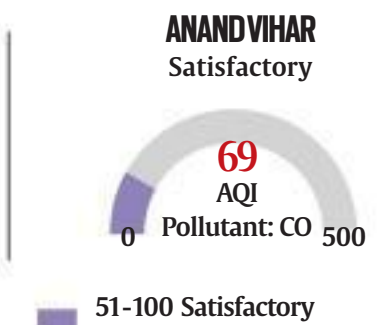
The Forum capped corporate donations at \$100,000 and no single entity funded over 10-15% of the entire donation pool, Malani said. The top eight donors contributed roughly 30% of the total \$2.4 million.

The organisers were surprised by the growth of the event. Their initial budget of \$1.2 million doubled, and plans for 10,000 people grew to 50,000 — of which 8,000 will be coming from outside Texas, including Alaska. "Next thing we know, President Donald Trump is also coming. That was a feather in our cap, putting us in a different category altogether," Malani said. "I am not really a political person; I have contributed to both sides of the coin. We are taking this as the President of America coming to the event, not a political leader. He's coming for the US-India relationship, not for his own political gain. I don't think his intent is to use this as a political front," he said.

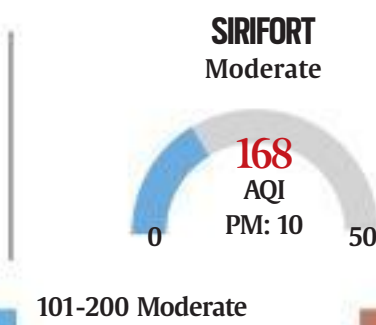
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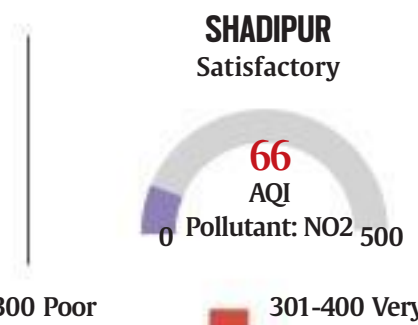
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101-200 Moderate



201-300 Poor



301-400 Very Poor

401-500 Severe



(Top and below) Outside New Delhi Railway Station on Thursday. Photos: Abhinav Saha

TRANSPORT STRIKE AGAINST AMENDED MV ACT

Hundreds stranded as cabs, autos go off roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE DAY-LONG transport strike against the steep rise in traffic fines under the amended Motor Vehicles Act caused severe hardship to thousands of commuters in Delhi-NCR Thursday, as a large number of autos, cabs and private buses remained off the roads.

Among the worst hit were people arriving at railway stations, inter-state bus terminals and the airport. At many places, protesters forcibly stopped the few autos and taxis that agreed to ferry commuters at a higher fare.

At New Delhi Railway Station, an elderly couple who arrived from Pune around 12 pm broke down. A little distance away, Shivraj N and his family, who came from Bengaluru via Shatabdi Express, waited for over two hours before a taxi driver agreed to ferry them to their hotel in Darya Ganj in batches.

At Anand Vihar, which has a inter-state bus terminal and a railway junction, unruly scenes were witnessed as protesters forced passengers to disembark cabs they had managed to book via aggregators. Similar incidents were reported from Nizamuddin station.

At Indira Gandhi International Airport, passengers suffered surge pricing and long delays. The *kaali-peeli* taxis were also on strike.

Delhi Police said it received around 249 PCR calls from harried commuters, many of whom complained that the vehicles they were travelling in were stopped.

"To regulate the situation, we deployed a force of 10 companies, including personnel from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), at districts including Outer North, South East, North East, East and Shahdara. No cases of violence were reported during

IN SEARCH OF TRANSPORT



18 HELD IN NOIDA

Noida: Eighteen people were arrested under CrPC section 151 for allegedly disturbing law and order. "The accused were stopping vehicles and grabbing keys to ensure people comply with the strike. They were arrested and sent to custody," said B N Singh, DM Gautam Budh Nagar. ENS

the strike and legal action will be taken against the offenders," said Anil Mittal, Delhi Police Additional PRO.

The situation was worse in certain parts of Noida and Ghaziabad. Arpita Saha, a tattoo artist, said auto drivers demanded a fare of Rs 150 for a commute between Noida's Sector 50 and Sector 18, for which she usually pays Rs 50. "Eventually I walked down to the Sector 34 Metro station," she said.

Many private schools remained closed as private buses also joined the strike. Schools that depend on rented buses from the DTC functioned normally.

The strike, called by the

United Front of Transport Associations (UFTA) that comprises around 41 transport associations, remained in force between 6 am and 10 pm.

UFTA convenor Rajender Kapoor said the strike was a major success and should serve as a wake up call for the governments at the state and the Centre.

"A few people tried to create disruptions, but such incidents were very few; we do not endorse such behaviour. We will try to engage in a dialogue with the governments again and try to persuade them. If they don't relent, we plan to rope in transport associations of other states and hold bigger protests.

"It is not just about higher fines. Our grievances are more against corruption by traffic police personnel. The government must make it mandatory for enforcement staff to wear microphones and body cameras to record the process of issuing challans for violations," Kapoor said.

The transport associations have also been petitioning the AAP government to reduce penalties for compoundable offences, which allows designated traffic police personnel to issue on-spot cash challans.

Section 200 of the amended MV Act empowers the states to issue a gazetted notification for compounding of certain offences.

Cop 'lets his kids use gun', suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

A DELHI police officer has been suspended for allegedly allowing his children to use his official weapon in the firing range at New Police Lines in Kingsway Camp.

According to police, district officers took suo motu cognizance of the matter after a purported video of the incident went viral on social media on September 13. An inquiry has

An inquiry has been initiated against the officer, said police

been initiated against Reserved Inspector Dinesh, said police.

The video, which purportedly runs for four minutes, shows the reserved inspector with his son and daughter inside the firing range. The officer can be seen teaching his children

how to fire. Other police personnel can be seen on the ground as well. After the demonstration, the officer hands over the weapon to his daughter, who is guided by others and fires at the target on the ground.

According to police, the officer used a parabellum submachine gun called the MP5.

"After the video went viral, we initiated an inquiry into the matter. Prima facie, RI Dinesh lent the official weapon to his family members for firing in

the New Police Lines. He has been suspended for violating the rules. We are verifying the contents of the video. The department will probe the matter and appropriate action will be taken," said Vijayanta Arya, DCP (North West).

RI Dinesh is posted with the Delhi Police in North West district. Police said the shooting range is hired for annual target practice for personnel and is not to be used by the public at the time.



Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, i.e. tcpharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS

1. Coloniser/Developer	Signature Builders Pvt. Ltd.					
2. Project approval	Licence No. 51 of 2019 dated 06-03-2019. Building Plan Approved on 08/08/2019. Memo No. ZP-1110/AD(RK)/2019/19109. Haryana RERA Registered No: 51 of 2019 dated 09.09.2019					
3. Location	Sector 93, Gurugram Haryana					
4. Provisions Project Area	720 no. of apartments available out of total 720 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 5 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-croche of 2000 sq.ft.					
5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms						
Apartment details						
Category (Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqft(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking amount 5%	on allotment 20%
2BHK TYPE -01	170	539.384	78.114	21,96,593.00	1,09,830.00	4,39,319.00
2BHK TYPE -02	170	603.677	76.058	24,52,737.00	1,22,637.00	4,90,547.00
2BHK TYPE -03	170	594.916	70.849	24,15,088.50	1,20,754.00	4,83,018.00
2BHK TYPE -04	170	577.112	79.029	23,47,962.50	1,17,398.00	4,69,593.00
3BHK TYPE -01	4	641.351	120.32	26,15,404.00	1,30,770.00	5,23,081.00
3BHK TYPE -01 (MQ)	36	641.351	120.32	26,15,404.00	1,30,770.00	5,23,081.00

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony AntiSkid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Meranti / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles III & IV 1' x 1' 7" feet high & Oil Bound Disempler Above • Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite Wall: Oil Bond Disempler • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked • Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SESMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	<p>(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: Signature Builders Pvt. Ltd., Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 13.09.2019. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 05.10.2019. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in.</p>

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.
2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.
3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.
Allotment Criteria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).



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BRIEFLY

Alka Lamba disqualified

New Delhi: Alka Lamba lost her Delhi Assembly membership Thursday with Speaker Ram Niwas Goel issuing an order disqualifying her under the anti-defection law. She represented Chandni Chowk.

CM launches anti-dengue campaign

New Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal launched the "champions campaign" Thursday as a part of the ongoing drive against dengue. He requested people to encourage at least 10 friends or peers to join the drive on Sundays.

Man held for selling stolen cars online

New Delhi: Police arrested a man for allegedly duping people and selling over 12 stolen luxury cars on an online platform. ENS

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR OPERATING FACILITIES AT CHHOTA BAZAR, MATHURA CANTONMENT

1. The Station Headquarters Mathura invites applications on prescribed format from War Widows/ Widows of defence personnel killed while on duty/Disabled soldier/Ex-Servicemen for running a Barber Shop at Chhota Bazar, Mathura Cantonment on Monthly maintenance basis. The allotment will be on bid cum auction basis with the minimum base rate fixed before the auction.
2. Application forms can be obtained from Station Headquarters Mathura on cash payment of Rs 100/- along with the terms and conditions.
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4. Last date of receipt of application is 10 Oct 2019.



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ACCUSED ARRESTED, FAKE CALL CENTRE BUSTED: POLICE

Actress duped by 3 men who posed as Australian tax officers

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THREE MEN who allegedly posed as Australian Tax Officers and duped Indian actress and dancer Isha Sharvani were arrested by Delhi Police Wednesday. Sharvani, who lives in Perth, Australia, was cheated of 5,700 AUD (Rs 2,76,000).

Police said the prime accused, identified as Bhanuj Berry (24), allegedly ran a fake call centre from West Delhi's Vikaspuri. He along with two others, Puneet Chaddha (34) and Rishab Khanna (23), has duped more than 100 Australian citizens by posing as tax officers, police said.

While Berry studied B.Com from School of Open Learning, Chaddha is an MBA graduate. The third accused, Khanna, is in his final year of Bachelor of Business Administration.

The Cyber Crime Unit consti-



Indian actress Isha Sharvani was duped of Rs 2.7 lakh

tuted a team under the supervision of Aditya Gautam (ACP, Cyber Crime) and arrested the accused within 24 hours of the actress filing a complaint.

"On Monday, one of the accused called Sharvani and told her he works for the Tax Department in Australia. He threatened her, saying the Australian government has issued an arrest warrant against her for violating rules while fil-

ing her tax returns. He asked Sharvani to give him her tax accountant's name and number. Later, another man claiming to be from the tax accountant's office called and said there was an error in her tax returns and that she wasn't at fault as the tax company didn't inform her about the new rules issued by the government. She was instructed to pay 5,700 AUD to the remittance officer of the Australian Tax Department in India and was assured that the company would reimburse the amount," said DCP (Cyber Crime) Anshay Roy.

The accused told Sharvani to transfer 3,500 AUD through Western Union and 2,200 AUD via Ria Money Transfer. Police said the men stayed on the call with her for three hours till she transferred the money. Later, the actresses realised she had been duped and filed a complaint, said police.

Police said the Western Union account was registered in Berry's

name. He was traced and brought in for questioning.

"He tried to mislead us by producing fake documents but later confessed to the crime. He said he had been running the fake call centre with two others for eight months. More than 15 people worked under him, procuring data of Australian citizens through the 'dark web'. They called them using Voice over IP call (VoIP). They used spoofing software to get numbers registered in Canberra," said a senior police officer.

DCP Roy said the accused used the same modus operandi to fool more than 100 people in Australia — they pretended to be tax officers from Australia and threatened their targets with arrest, following which the victims would transfer the money.

Berry disclosed the names of the two other accused and police arrested them while they were trying to flee the city.

RML performs its second multi-organ retrieval on man who died in accident

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE CENTRE-RUN Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital conducted its second successful multi-organ retrieval on a 22-year-old man from Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, who died in a road accident on September 17. The first multi-organ retrieval was performed in 2018 on a 25-year-old.

A neurological examination showed that the 22-year-old had suffered severe brain injury. He suffered a cardiac arrest and was revived. But his condition worsened, and he went into a coma. He was then declared brain stem dead.



The hospital conducted its first retrieval in 2018 on a 25-year-old. Archive

"He was the youngest donor in our hospital. We thought of saving lives of other patients through him. We counselled his family members and they agreed to donate his organs," said Dr L N

Gupta, consultant, neurosurgery, head of unit (1), RML Hospital.

While one kidney and the liver was transported to AIIMS, the other kidney was donated to a 43-year-old patient at RML Hospital who has been on dialysis since 2017. The organ donation was coordinated by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO).

As per the guidelines, once a patient is declared brain dead, the hospital can approach the family for organ donation. NOTTO protocol and guidelines also stipulate that hospitals have to inform it about a possible organ donation, following which the government body decides the institutes the organs can be sent to based on a list

of priority recipients.

The hospital authorities said they are pushing hard to improve facilities for liver and cardiac transplants. To perform the liver transplant in this case, a team of doctors has been sent to Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences.

Dr V K Tiwari, medical superintendent, RML Hospital, said: "We are trying our best to provide an in-house facility. We have sent our transplant coordinators for training. The upcoming super speciality block will have two dedicated OTs for the donor and recipient. This is our teething stage, but by next year, we will be able to perform more transplants."

The hospital has performed 248 liver transplants so far.

Colour-coded stickers for cars: EPCA raps AAP govt

New Delhi: Anti-pollution watchdog Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority Thursday pulled up the Delhi government over "lack of decisive steps" on its part in getting colour-coded stickers and High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) for vehicles registered before October 2018.

While colour-coded stickers, mandated by the Supreme Court, indicate the fuel type used by a vehicle, tamper-proof HSRPs are aimed at preventing thefts and contraband activities through swapping number plates.

At an EPCA meeting Thursday, a representative of the Delhi government's transport department said two tenders floated by the department to roll out the process have failed, leading to the delay.

The EPCA, headed by Bhure Lal, said it will seek the SC's intervention over the delay. While UP and Rajasthan informed EPCA that they are in the process of floating tenders, Haryana said it has managed to fit 2.58 lakh old vehicles with these features.

Meanwhile, EPCA said that it will write to the police commissioners of Delhi, Haryana and UP over videos allegedly showing policemen allowing vehicles to enter Delhi without paying mandatory taxes and environmental compensation charge. ENS



The bench said the move will help prevent burning of straw, which contributes to air pollution. Archive

Get straw from other states to cover saplings: HC to Delhi

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE DELHI High Court Thursday asked the Delhi government to procure straw from neighbouring states for spreading it under newly planted saplings in Delhi's Central Ridge area to ensure retention of soil and water.

Justice Najmi Waziri also said such a move would ensure reduction in burning of straw, which is one of the major contributors to air pollution in the national capital.

The judge said the practice would help to generate good top soil in the Central Ridge, which has rocky soil in many parts that is not suitable for planting saplings.

The court's direction came during hearing of a contempt case in which a private company was ordered to plant 1.4 lakh saplings worth Rs 80 lakh in the Central Ridge. The firm had breached judicial orders of not manufacturing and selling diabetes medication under the brand names used by pharmaceutical Merck Sharp and Dohme.

The court's suggestion was issued after the forest department informed it that there was hardly any top soil in the Central Ridge and it was rocky and, therefore, not suitable for planting saplings in such huge numbers. To which, the court said paddy or wheat straw, which is discarded and burned after harvest, could be spread under the saplings.

Constable arrested for 'raping' minor girl

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

A 31-YEAR-OLD Delhi Police constable has been dismissed and arrested Thursday evening for allegedly raping a minor girl in the Eastern range area.

Police said the girl, in her complaint, alleged that he took her to an isolated place on his motorbike and allegedly raped her after threatening with dire consequences.

"We have registered an FIR under IPC section 376 and relevant sections of the POCSO Act. We arrested the constable and dismissed him after the allegations were substantiated," said Mandeep Singh Randhawa, Delhi Police spokesperson.

The DCP of the area concerned, Ved Prakash Surya, said they immediately initiated an inquiry after receiving the complaint against the constable and later lodged an FIR. But the girl's family alleged that legal action was taken only after they staged a protest outside the police station concerned.

"Senior officers reached the spot and assured them that action will be taken. The girl was taken to hospital and a medical examination confirmed rape," said a senior officer.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

Sr. DEN/IMB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against **Tender No.: 127-DRM-MB-19-20** closing date 15.10.2019, 16.00 hrs. **Name of work:** Repair to Door, Window, Plaster, Flooring, Drain & Other Misc. work of Kaurah, Karna, Baghauli & Dalei Nagar in the Section of SSE/WHRI Under ADEN/HARD/04. **Tender Closing date/time:** 15.10.2019, 16.00 hrs. **Cost of work:** Rs. 35,24,370.25. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 70,500/- **Tender cost:** Rs. 3,000/- **Bidding start date:** 01.10.2019, and **Period of Completion:** 06 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall not be ignored. For detail information please log into www.ireps.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only **through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like Net Banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. **No: 127-DRM-MB-19-20** **Date 18.09.2019.** **3011/2019**

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Name of work: Design, manufacturing, testing, supply and delivery of 07 nos. 245kV Potential Transformers and 10 nos. Live/Dead Tank Design oil filled 245kV Current Transformers of various ratios suitable for outdoor service with hollow porcelain insulator for various sub-stations.
Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents 15.10.2019 upto 17:00 Hours
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Bid Reference	Tender No. CON/T/BCLCS/Steel Items-5/2019
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Cost of Document	₹1,000/- through online payment gateway to CONCOR
Tender processing fee (Non-refundable)	₹5,310/- (including GST @18%) through online payment gateway to CONCOR
Pre-Bid Meeting	30.09.2019 (11:00 Hrs)
Period of Tender Sale (online)	From 20.09.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 14.10.2019 (11:00 Hrs.)
Last Date and time of Submission of Bid	14.10.2019 (upto 17:00 Hrs. - Indian Standard Time)
Date and time of opening of Bid	At 11:30 Hrs. of 15.10.2019

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E-6A, Sector-01, Noida-201301

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (2nd Call)
HSCC/PMSSY-III /SIL/2019 **Dated: 19.09.2019**
HSCC (India) Limited as Executing Agency of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India invites online percentage rate bids through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms for the works : Construction for Balance work of Super Speciality Block at North Bengal Medical College, Siliguri (WB) and their maintenance during Defects Liability Period under **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** Estimated project cost: Rs. 40 Crore. Completion period: 12 months and other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 23.09.2019 and Last Date of submission of Bid is 10.10.2019.
The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC and HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal, Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published. **Chief General Manager (Projects)** HSCC (India) Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner/RPF/Co-ordination, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-Tender for the following work:-

1	Name of work with its location	Hiring of 05 nos. road vehicle Non AC Tata Sumo/Bohoro for movement of RPF Personnel day & night in jurisdiction of Inspector in charge RPF Post, Shamli (Uttar Pradesh), Faridabad (Haryana), Delhi, Shahdara, Nazimuddin & Anand Vihar Terminal (Delhi) Delhi East on monthly basis for two years.
2	Tender Number	6 Sr.DSC-RPF-V.H.-DLI-E-2017-18
3	Office Address	Sr.DSC/Co-ordination/RPF, P.K. Road, New Delhi-110001
4	Period of works	For Two years
5	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 67,68,000/- with GST as applicable
6	Earnest money	Rs. 1,35,400/-
7	Tender uploading date	23.09.2019
8	Date and Time of closing tender bid	23.10.2019 & 15:00 hrs.
9	Tender open date & time	23.10.2019 & 15:00 hrs.
10	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
11	Cost of tender documents	Rs. 5,000/- + 900 (GST 18%) total Rs. 5,900/- Payment of Tender Document Fee in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 6 Sr.DSC-RPF-V.H.-DLI-E-2017-18 **Date: 17.09.2019.** **3008/2019**

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ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रामोका0मा0) मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय
102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई-निविदा संख्या:- 151/2019-20/RDD(RWA)/SIMDEGA **दिनांक : 19.09.2019**
मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रामोका0मा0), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेंटि फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राकालित राशि (रुपये में) अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1.	RDD(RWA)/ SIMDEGA/06/ 2019-20	खालीजोर से कसबेगा उलीस सीमा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लम्बाई- 7.025 किमी0)	1,82,40,700.00	एक करोड़ बरसी लाख खालीस हजार सात सौ ०० मात्र।

- वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 30.09.2019
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 10.10.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
- जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किए गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 11.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 14.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रामो का0 मामले), झारखंड, रांची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0- 0651-2207818
- निविदा शुल्क भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निशित बैंक खाते के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रामो का0 मामले), कार्य प्रमंडल, निमडेगा के पक्ष में मुगलेय होगा जो सीलिया नहीं जायेगा। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

P.R. 217374 Rural Work Department(19-20)-D **नोटल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल**
बुद्ध - बुद्ध नहीं बरतेंगे तो बुद्ध को तरसेंगे

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(Power Wing)

Corrigendum No: 2 **Notice Inviting E-Tender** **Dated: 03.07.2019**
N.I.T No: 542/P-18/Vol.1
Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002, Tele Fax-0172-2654468
Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Assembly, Testing, before dispatch, Supervision of erection, Testing & Commissioning of 11 no. 36 KV Vacuum Circuit Breakers for 220 kV sub-station, BBMB, Hisar
Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents 07.10.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date & Time of submission of bids 21.10.2019 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Bids 21.10.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards
For cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website www.bbmb.gov.in & <http://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com>
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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा

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द्वितीय शुद्धि-पत्र
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा अन्तर्गत रावसई ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना संख्या- **DWSO/GAR/ MADHEYA RWS/09/2019-20 MADHEYA** & Adjoining village Rural Water Supply Scheme under of Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Garhwa जी **PR NO. 216413 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)** 2019-20 **D** एवं प्रथम शुद्धि पत्र का **PR NO. 216915 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)** 2019-20 **D** द्वारा प्रकाशित है, जिसे निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है:-

क्र0सं0	विवरण	पूर्व प्रकाशित प्राकालित राशि	संशोधित प्राकालित राशि
1	प्राकालित राशि लगभग (लाख में)	1262.38000 (बारह करोड़ बारस लाख अड़तीस हजार) ०० मात्र।	1259.13000 (बारह करोड़ उन्नाठ लाख तेरह हजार) ०० मात्र।
2	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख में)	12.62380 (बारह लाख बारस हजार तीन सौ अस्सी) ०० मात्र।	1259130 (बारह लाख उन्नाठ हजार एक सौ सौ) ०० मात्र।

नोट :- यह शुद्धि पत्र परिमाण विषय का माग होगा एवं शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।
कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा।
P.R.217391 Drinking Water and Sanitation(19-20)-D

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are invited on behalf of Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the work "SITC OF DIGITAL EARTHING SYSTEM AT CNS UNITS OF KOLKATA AIRPORT" with an estimated cost of Rs. 1,12,30,573/- and CPP Portal Tender ID is "2019_AAI_31557_1". Please visit CPP Portal at <https://tenders.gov.in> for downloading the tender document, eligibility criteria, other related corrigendum & online submission of the e-tenders. Further details on tender, corrigendum/addendum/clarification in this regard, if any, shall also be put up through the CPP Portal.
General Manager (CNS) AAI, NSCB Airport, Kolkata-52

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद

अति-अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना (1st Call)
ई-निविदा प्रसंग संख्या - RCD/DHANBAD/1477/2019-20 दिनांक - 19.09.2019

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	रुपये 1,96,10,200/- (एक करोड़, छियानबे लाख, दस हजार, दो सौ रुपये) 1 (एक) माह।
1.	कार्य का नाम	
2.	प्राकालित राशि (रुपये में)	
3.	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	
4.	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	27.09.2019 (12:00 बजे दिन तक)
5.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि एवं समय	21.09.2019 (10:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न)
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।
7.	प्रोक्युरमेंट अधिकारी का सम्पर्क नम्बर	06432-275640
8.	ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नम्बर	0651-2446007

अतिरिक्त जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> **पर देखें।**
बुद्ध - बुद्ध नहीं बरतेंगे तो बुद्ध को तरसेंगे
P.R.217410 Road (19-20)-D **कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद**

Municipal Council, Anjangaon Surji, Distt. Amravati

Short E-Tender Notice
Tender Notice **Issued Dated - 19/09/2019**
E-tenders in two packet system are invited for various works under special fund described below from the experienced contractors registered in appropriate class with the Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra on behalf of the Municipal Council, Anjangaon Surji. The details of the tender are can be seen on <http://www.mahatenders.gov.in> from dt. 19/09/2019. The details of the tender are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Work/ Name of Project	Estimated Amount	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Blank Tender	Period of Work
1	(Under special fund) Construction of Bridge on river Shahanur connecting the city of Anjangaon Surji (From Satimata Mandir to Old Bus stand station)	6,20,62,000/-	6,20,620/-	6951	24 months including monsoon

Online Sale of tenders	From 19/09/2019 to 15/10/2019 up to 5.00 p.m.
Online submission of tenders	From 19/09/2019 to 15/10/2019 up to 5.00 p.m.
Online opening of tenders (if possible)	On 16/10/2019 at 5.00 p.m. or thereafter

The details of the above work are available on the website <http://www.mahatenders.gov.in>.
Terms and Conditions: 1) The tender process for the above work will be conducted online through e-tender process. Any instruction of corrigendum in terms of the above tender will be published online.
Adv. Kamalkant Ladole **Shri Pandhari Balange** **Shri Madhukar Gujar** **Shri Shrikrishna Wahurwagh**
Chairman Vice-Chairman Chairperson-Public Works Chief Officer
Municipal Council, Anjangaon Surji, Distt. Amravati

RAPS DELHI METRO FOR NOT COMPENSATING WOMAN

Project for public good doesn't mean uprooting residents: HC

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

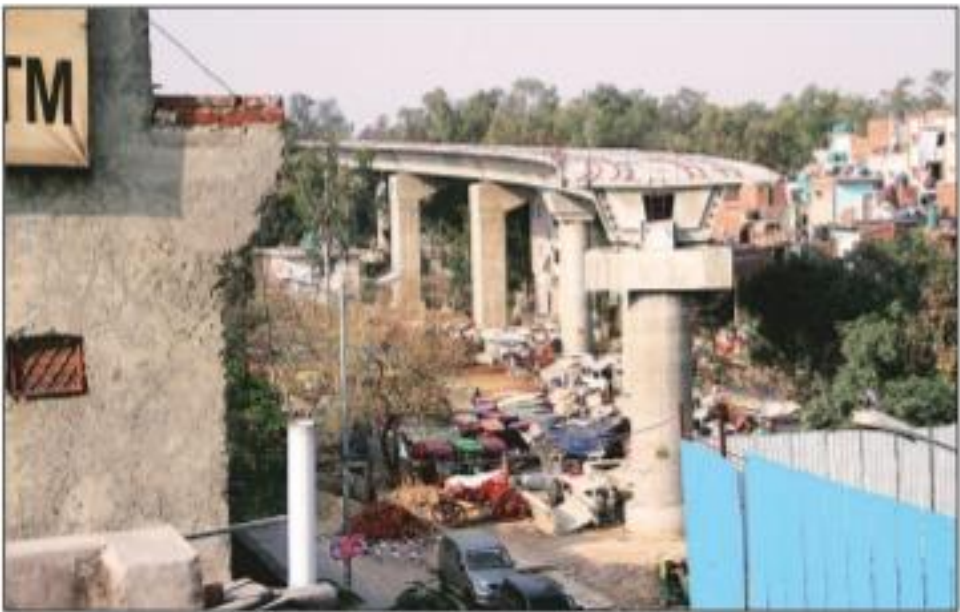
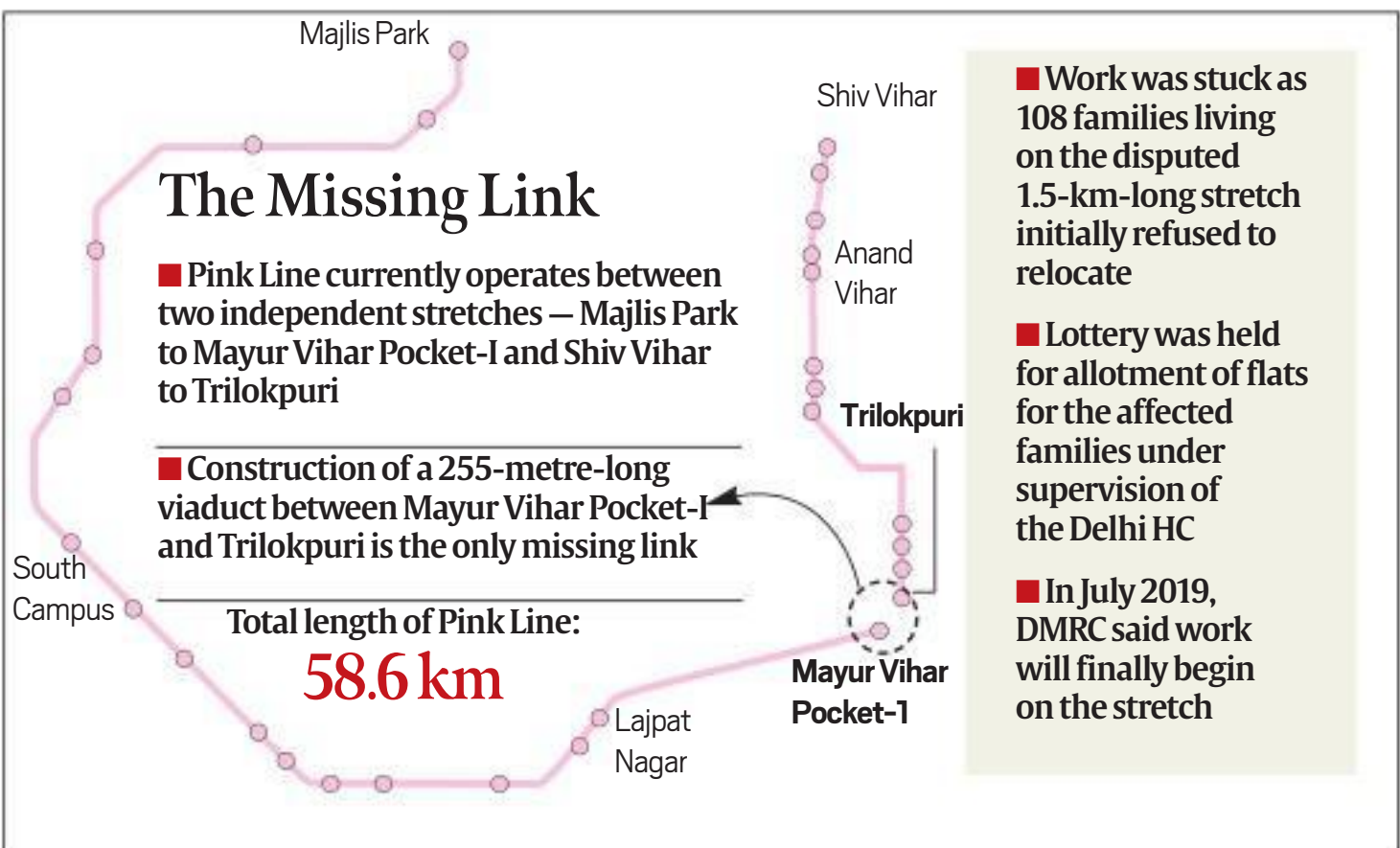
“PROJECT FOR public good does not mean that you uproot the residents,” the Delhi High Court said Thursday while pulling up the Delhi Metro for not compensating a 66-year-old widow for acquiring her house, allotted in 1976, to construct a stretch between Trilokpuri and Mayur Vihar Pocket-I on the Pink Line.

Justice Navin Chawla restrained the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) from displacing the woman, Rihana Begam, from her home — House No. 15/128, Trilokpuri — till the next date of hearing on October 17. It also directed the Delhi Metro to produce files related to dispossession and alternate allotment of housing to the residents of Trilokpuri.

Residents of 108 plots in Block 15 of Trilokpuri have to be relocated so that land is available for construction of a missing link in the Pink Line. In her petition, the woman claimed she had insisted on Rs 1 crore compensation for her house, and rejected an offer of alternate housing by the DMRC.

Irked by the submission of the DMRC's counsel that the woman is being given alternate accommodation, the judge observed: “I know you are doing something for public good, but still you have to keep in mind that their right to life is not affected.”

“You (DMRC) may have the plan for alternate accommodation, but that cannot be imposed on the family, which does not want to move. You also need to give adequate compensation. If



you cannot, do not force them to leave their house.

“You look into the compensation aspect raised by the widow over here. If you cannot, I will open the Pandora's box for other residents as well. I am not afraid of it. Do not uproot...,” the judge said.

On being told by the counsel

for DMRC that the woman has accepted the offer of compensation, the judge, while referring to the papers, said, “There is a thumb impression on these documents, do you think she even understood what is written on it?”

Advocate Md Azam Ansari, appearing for the woman, urged the court that the DMRC be di-

rected to pay at least Rs 1 crore compensation as she does not want an alternate house.

The counsel also requested that at least DMRC be directed to release Rs 40 lakh it had agreed on in the interim. The plea alleged that she was not being paid, despite insisting on compensation instead of alternate accommodation from day one.

“The DMRC is not paying the compensation and specifically said on July 24, 2019, that no compensation will be paid and only alternate housing will be given to the petitioner, which she refused and did not sign or put her thumb impression...,” the counsel argued.

Laxmi gets new home — and a new name



Staff at Ban Santour elephant rehabilitation centre in Haryana give Laxmi a bath. Credit: Wildlife SOS

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

DELHI'S LAST elephant Laxmi seemed to approve of its new home as it trumpeted upon arrival at the Ban Santour elephant rehabilitation centre in Haryana Thursday morning, officials said.

After reaching the centre around 6 am, Laxmi was fed, given a “proper bath” and examined by a team of veterinarians.

The centre it is housed in is located in a 400-acre forested land in Haryana's Yamunanagar, and is run by Wildlife SOS in collaboration with the state forest department. “This is a world different from what it's used to... It's displaying all issues typical of elephants that are used for begging,” said Kartick Satyanarayan, co-founder of Wildlife SOS.

The elephant has been re-named Jasmine, “to help it shake off its ugly past,” he added.

NGO officials said Laxmi appeared weak and added that it

would be kept in observation for about a week. Its foot pad is damaged, with cracks in its toenails, from walking on tarmac. Its liver also does not appear healthy.

“We will give the animal complete comfort care and provide all the vitamins and nutrition it needs,” Satyanarayan said.

The centre has four other female elephants who Laxmi would meet in about a week's time if its health reports are found normal. Andra, one of the elephant's caretakers from Delhi, also accompanied it to Haryana, Satyanarayan said.

Laxmi was rescued by Delhi Police around midnight Tuesday from Yamuna Khadar near Akshardham, more than two months after its mahout Saddam fled with it. Saddam was arrested.

An officer from Shakarpur police station said, “Saddam shared a location with us in Loni, UP, where he claimed the owner would be hiding out. Our officers went there today but he was not found.”

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capital First Limited now IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'Whatever there is' on 10-10-2019, for recovery of INR 1,14,20,319/- as on 26-02-2019 due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited) from M/s. Manoj Enterprises Prop. Manoj Bansal, Manoj Bansal and Ramduluri Bansal (Co-borrower(s)).
The Reserve Price will be INR 81,00,000/- (Rupees Eight One Lac Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be INR 8,10,000/- (Rupees Eight Lac Ten Thousand Only).
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Date: 19.09.2019

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN
Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services
2nd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK-248171
BEFORE THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II, DRT, DEHRADUN
NOTICE OF DEMAND & APPEARANCE
(NOTICE UNDER RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT 1961 READ WITH SECTION 25 TO 29 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993)
R.C. No. 71/2019 in T.A. No. 27/2018 Dy No. 358, Date: 13.09.2019
Punjab National Bank V/s M/s J.S. Foods & Ors.
Ajabpur Kalan, Dehradun, Uttarakhand To, CD.1: M/s J.S. Foods (a Partnership Firm) Having its Office at 1081, Indira Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
Second Address: 90/79, Govind Nagar, Race Course, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
CD.2: Smt. Shashi Saxena W/o Sh. Pradeep Kumar Saxena partner of M/s J.S. Foods, R/o 1081, Indira Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
CD.3: Pradeep Kumar Saxena Partner of M/s J.S. Foods, R/o 1081, Indira Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
CD.4: Vivek Mishra S/o Akhilanand Mishra, R/o F-18, Industrial Area, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
CD.5: Sachin Kumar S/o Sh. Pradeep Kumar Saxena, R/o 1081, Indira Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
Second Address: H/004, Aditya Mega City, Gate No. 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.
Certificate Debtors
(v) This is to notify that amount of Rs. 1,98,27,353.41/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Eight Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three and Paise Forty-One only) plus Pending estate and future interest @12.00% P.A. simple rate of interest on reducing balance from the date of filing of O.A. being 07.01.2016 and costs Rs. 2,15,287.00 is due against you as per Recovery Certificate issued dated 24.01.2019 by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun in T.A. No. 27/2018.
(vi) You are, hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the Demand Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.
(vii) In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:-
c) In such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
d) All cost, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
(viii) In case the above said amount is not paid by you then you are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 02.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M. for further proceedings. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 13th of September, 2019.
Recovery Officer -II, DRT, Dehradun

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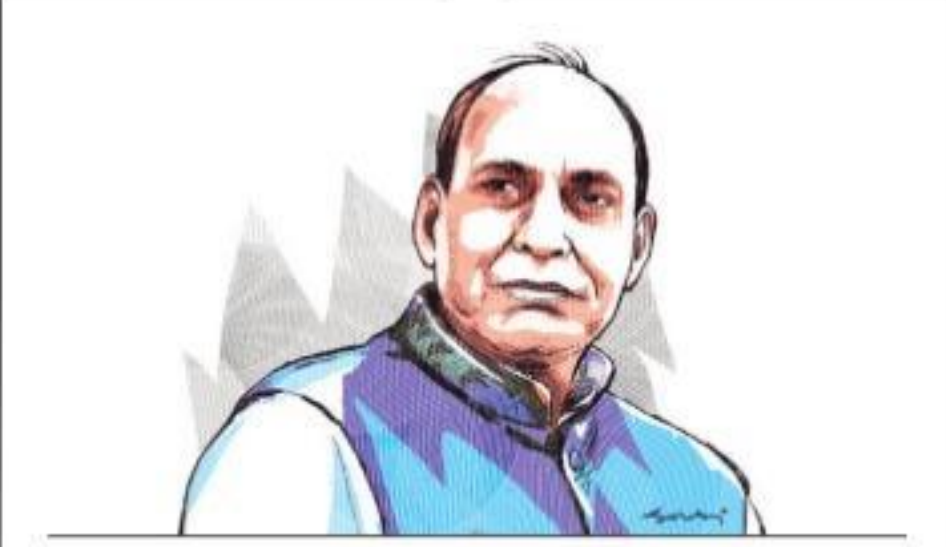
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69 70 72	भूलेराम पुत्र रामजस व राजेन्द्र सिंह पुत्र रामजस व कर्मवीर पुत्र रामजस व छिददा पुत्र पुरन समस्त निवासीगण ग्राम लडपुरा	117 व 118	0.4550 व 0.0890 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
166 307 313	राजाराम पुत्र स्वदा निो इमलियाका	908, 909मि, 909मि, 910, 911, 912, 913, 915, 914	0.1390, 0.1140, 0.0500 0.2400, 0.2530, 0.3540 0.1770, 0.2910, 0.1520	
92 93	श्रीमती शशीबाला शर्मा पत्नी सुरेशचन्द शर्मा निो ग्राम व सिद्धार्थ शर्मा पुत्र सुरेशचन्द शर्मा निो ग्राम	382, 383 384, 385, 386मि, 386मि, 387, 414	0.1010, 0.1010, 0.2280 0.1520, 0.0510, 0.1520 0.2020, 0.2150 कुल 1.2020 का बकदर भाग	
195 284	रन्जीत सिंह व रन्जीत सिंह पुत्रगण लेखराम सिंह निो ग्राम	1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1086, 1087, 1088	0.3160, 0.1140, 0.1520, 0.1010, 0.0380, 0.1640, 0.2280 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
160 161	नन्धू पुत्र चिरंजी निो ग्राम	124, 125, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 467मि	0.3410, 0.3410, 0.4560, 0.3790, 0.4430, 0.4050 0.1390, 0.2910, 0.1260 0.1640, 0.1480 सम्पूर्ण का 1/3 भाग	
236 120	रामप्रसाद पुत्र मधुसू निो ग्राम	850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 880, 11	0.4050, 0.1260, 0.2780, 0.1570, 0.3540, 0.2600, 0.0630, 0.1640, 0.1010, 0.3540 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
240 247	श्रीमती केला पत्नी रामप्रसाद निो ग्राम	908, 909मि, 909मि, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915	0.1390, 0.1140, 0.0500, 0.2400, 0.2530, 0.3540, 0.1770, 0.1520, 0.2910 सम्पूर्ण का 1/12 भाग	
305	हातम सिंह पुत्र हरप्रसाद व श्रीमती अमृरी पत्नी स्वो हरप्रसाद निो ग्राम	850, 851, 852, 853, 854	0.4050, 0.1260, 0.2780 0.1570, 0.3540, 0.2600, का 1/3 भाग	
236 120	प्रेमदेव व हातम पुत्रगण हरप्रसाद व श्रीमती अमृरी पत्नी हरप्रसाद निो ग्राम	853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 880	0.1570, 0.3540, 0.2600, 0.0630, 0.1640, 0.1010 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
44	वेदप्रकाश पुत्र शिवदत्त निो ग्राम	201 व 202	0.2400 व 0.2660	
80, 87 206, 209, 298, 323, 230	बलजीत पुत्र दूहा निो ग्राम	954, 234, 236मि, 235मि, 370, 371, 372मि, 373मि, 407मि, 408मि, 372मि, 373मि, 407, 408मि, 232, 233, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 347	0.2280, 0.3160, 0.0047, 0.2183, 0.1770, 0.0630, 0.0130, 0.0560, 0.0550, 0.0550, 0.2020, 0.0630, 0.0340, 0.0210, 0.2728, 0.4508, 0.3590, 0.2400, 0.1260, 0.0890, 0.2410, 0.0250, 0.2530, 0.2410, 0.1770, 0.2020, 0.2150, 0.1390, 0.2150 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
124	यशवीर पुत्र प्रकाश व श्रीमती कुन्ती पत्नी प्रकाश निो ग्राम	897, 898, 899, 900, 1090, 1093, 1091, 1092	0.1140, 0.1640, 0.1900, 0.1520, 0.1010, 0.2020, 0.3040, 0.2280 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
139, 151, 184, 323, 325, 326, 152	गिरिराज पुत्र नेता निो ग्राम व धीरज पुत्र रामफल निो ग्राम व राजसिंह पुत्र नेता निो ग्राम	376, 377, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 111मि.	0.5060, 0.2020, 0.0630, 0.2780, 0.5310, 0.3540, 0.4550, 0.3920 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
291	कुन्दन पुत्र गिररज व श्रीमती शान्ति पत्नी स्वो गिररज निो ग्राम	427, 428, 429, 430	0.0540, 0.1220, 0.1192, 0.1360 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
317	रामी पुत्र रंजपाल निो ग्राम व लव सिंह पुत्र तेजपाल निो ग्राम	897, 898, 899, 900, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093मि	0.1140, 0.1640, 0.1900, 0.1520, 0.1010, 0.3040, 0.2280, 0.2020 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
317	लवकुश पुत्र तेजपाल निो ग्राम	897, 898, 899, 900	0.1140, 0.1640, 0.1900, 0.1520 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
154	सुखवीर सिंह पुत्र इमरत निो ग्राम	1073, 1074, 1075	0.2150, 0.3160, 0.2530 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
41 42 44	राम सिंह पुत्र जयचन्द ग्राम व मूचचन्द पुत्र जसू निो ग्राम व चित्ता सिंह, हरि पुत्रगण चन्दन सिंह व प्रमोद पुत्र सुभाषचन्द व श्रीमती सरोज पत्नी स्वो सुभाषचन्द निो ग्राम व विजय सिंह पुत्र स्वो भाव सिंह व रोहित कुमार पुत्र स्वो जिलेसरा व मोहन सिंह पुत्र स्वो भूले निो ग्राम	855, 856, 857, 871, 872, 873, 877, 878, 879, 880	0.2600, 0.0630, 0.1640, 0.1390, 0.0760, 0.1010, 0.2150, 0.2020, 0.3920 0.1010 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
204	जितेन्द्र व संजीव पुत्रगण स्वो बलवीर व श्रीमती सतोष पत्नी स्वो बलवीर निो ग्राम	836, 837, 838	0.0630, 0.2780, 0.2860 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
231	राजवीर पुत्र श्याम सिंह निो ग्राम	19	0.0760	
204	राजवीर व महावीर पुत्रगण श्याम सिंह निो ग्राम	848 व 849	0.2150, 0.3410 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
6 285	राजेन्द्र पुत्र देशराज व बिजेन्द्र उर्फ पप्पू पुत्र देशराज व चरन सिंह पुत्र खूवीर	18, 843, 844	0.0690, 0.0760, 0.2780 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
327	सुमित व विमल बालिय व पुनित नाबालिग पुत्रगण स्वो सुन्दर व श्रीमती जागन देवी पत्नी स्वो सुन्दर निो ग्राम व जगन सिंह पुत्र महरचन्द निो ग्राम	01, 841, 842	0.4810, 0.3540, 0.0630 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
05	सुरेन्द्र उर्फ भुक्की पुत्र गोकल निो ग्राम	924 व 925	0.1140 व 0.1140 सम्पूर्ण का 1/4 भाग	
83	थानसिंह पुत्र केसरी निो घंघोला	98 व 99	0.2910 व 0.1520 का बकदर भाग	
372 374	बिजेन्द्र पुत्र गिरिराज निो घंघोला	483, 731, 732, 736, 737, 738	0.0510, 0.3040, 0.2530 0.0510, 0.2280, 0.1390 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
154 153	बलजीत सिंह नागर पुत्र धर्मपाल सिंह निो सादुलपुरा	1073, 1074, 1075, 475मि, 595	0.2150, 0.3160, 0.2530 0.0760, 0.2280	
87, 91, 206, 88, 80, 73, 209	रामकिशन पुत्र फूल सिंह व हरकिशन पुत्र फूल सिंह निो ग्राम	237, 236मि, 244, 235, 236मि, 79मि, 91मि, 370, 371, 372मि, 373मि, 407मि, 408मि, 149 150, 238, 954, 234, 367, 368, 369, 372मि, 373मि	0.2780, 0.2150, 0.0800, 0.4050, 0.0890, 0.1260, 0.0510, 0.1770, 0.0630, 0.0130, 0.0560, 0.0550 0.0550, 0.1010, 0.0630, 0.3290, 0.2280, 0.3160, 0.1390, 0.2400, 0.0780 0.2020, 0.0630, सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
02, 03 28, 29	करतार सिंह पुत्र काले सिंह निो रामपुरा फतेहपुर	119, 122, 158, 159मि, 403, 404, 405, 406	0.2530, 0.2400, 0.1140 0.0380, 0.1900, 0.0250 0.1640, 0.3170 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
112	ज्ञानचन्द पुत्र होराम निो ग्राम	665, 666मि, 683, 709/1	0.1390, 0.0630, 0.2150, 0.2215 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
151	श्रीमती पुष्पा माटी पत्नी रविन्द्र माटी निो ग्राम	376	0.5060 का 1/6 भाग	
305	श्रीमती इन्दर पत्नी मोहन निो ग्राम	850, 851, 852, 853, 854	0.4050, 0.1260, 0.2780, 0.1570, 0.3540 सम्पूर्ण का 1/6 भाग	
268	श्रीमती रेखा पत्नी जयकण निो ग्राम	848 व 849	0.2150 व 0.3410 सम्पूर्ण का 1/6 भाग	
67, 97	रन्जीत पुत्र सुल्ली निो ग्राम	305, 306, 655, 1168, 1170	0.0130, 0.0300, 0.1010 0.1640, 0.1010 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	
33 318	विजयपाल पुत्र बेराम निो ग्राम व धनपाल पुत्र बेराम निो ग्राम	932मि, 933मि, 934मि, 935, 936मि	0.0494, 0.0698, 0.1136 0.1260, 0.2236 सम्पूर्ण का बकदर भाग	

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर अपर मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा के कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। आपसी सहमति के आधार पर भूमि विक्रय हेतु भू-स्वामी/खातेदारों द्वारा भूमि के विक्रय-पत्र विभाजन कराये जाने हेतु अनिव

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AFTER EFFECTS

AIR FORCE pilots are trained to withstand the force that their bodies experience while flying fighter jets. So when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh — who has no such background — flew in the indigenously made Tejas jet on Thursday, the flight left its effects. While Singh controlled the aircraft briefly when it was airborne, the speed came close to that of sound. Later in the day, BEL Chairman M V Gowtama was giving a presentation to Singh when the minister stopped him midway. Singh said he would come later, “because the effects of Tejas haven’t worn off” he added in Hindi. During the sortie, Singh (68) had to bear G-force close to 2.5G, which can be strenuous and can leave untrained people dizzy.

CLEARING THE AIR

WEST BENGAL CM Mamata Banerjee, who had last year sat on dharna when the CBI reached the residence of then Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar to question him, was on Thursday not ready to entertain any questions on the CBI pursuing the officer. When the question was asked repeatedly, she got angry and asked why such questions were being thrown at her. Pointing to journalists, she said, “This is political vendetta.” As some journalists took this as a defence of Kumar, TMC issued a clarification that the statement was not directed at the government but the media.

GEARING UP

WITH THE BJP making grand plans to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th birth anniversary, party president Amit Shah will share its final details with party MPs on Saturday via video-conference. BJP MPs and state office-bearers have been asked to be present in their respective state headquarters to listen to him. The party had already asked MPs and MLAs to take out padyatras across their constituencies to spread the message of the Mahatma. BJP sources said Shah is expected to urge the leaders to launch a cleanliness drive, campaign against single-use plastic and tree plantation.

SSC to declare 2017 exam results on Nov 15

ABBINAYA KUZHANTHAIVEL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE SSC is set to declare the results of Staff Selection Committee-Combined Graduate Level (SSC-CGL) 2017 examination on November 15. The commission announced the tentative date on its website on Thursday, after thousands of aspirants tweeted for over a week, seeking the finalisation and declaration of SSC-CGL 2017 results.

The release was postponed following reports of malpractice like question paper and answer key release before the exam.

SSC-CGL exams are held to recruit staff for Central government ministries and departments. Malpractice was reported in SSC-CGL exams in the past as well.

The SSC conducts seven exams every year in stages — Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV — where a candidate is tested for mathematics, English and computer proficiency. Tier IV is required only for certain higher posts. The next

step is document verification, which happens together for Tier III and IV candidates. The results for Tier IV, which should have been released a few months after the exam, is on hold by the SSC.

“Since 2012, several cases are being heard in the Supreme Court. We have been waiting for 29 months now,” said Amrinder S, one of the many SSC aspirants awaiting the SSC-CGL 2017 results.

On May 9, 2019, the Supreme Court order vacated the stay on the continuation of the exam process and appointed a committee to investigate the allegations and take further decisions. The SSC declared Tier III results the same day.

The committee chaired by retired Supreme Court judge G S Singhvi will meet this month and discuss the terms of reference mentioned in the Supreme Court order irrespective of the results,” Singhvi told *The Indian Express*.

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Want naya Kashmir, we need to embrace all Kashmiris, says Modi

In Nashik, PM says govt committed to violence-free Kashmir, takes dig at Pawar for Pak remarks

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
NASHIK, SEPTEMBER 19

STATING THAT the Union government’s objective in scrapping special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 was to “honour the sentiments of 130 crore Indians” and “accomplish the long-pending dream of oneness and a united India”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the need of the hour is to embrace all Kashmiris in order to make a “naya Kashmir” — a new Kashmir.

Addressing a public rally in Nashik to mark the conclusion of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis’s ‘Mahajanaadesh Yatra’, Modi said development of every Kashmiris is his government’s commitment and pledge. “A violence-free Kashmir is our promise,” he added.

Modi also took on NCP chief Sharad Pawar for his recent remarks on Pakistan. He said that instead of supporting the government on the decision on J&K “taken in national interest”, Opposition leaders are making comments for selfish political interests.

He said: “The Congress being in a state of confusion is understandable. But when an experi-



PM Narendra Modi with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and BJP state president Chandrakant Patil. *Yatish Bhanu*

enced leader like Sharad Pawar makes false statements for votes, it hurts. Sharad Pawar says he likes Pakistan. He praises Pakistan for being a welfare state. Now, it can be his view and analysis, (but) every Indian and the world knows where the terror factory is; who promotes and foments terrorism.”

The NCP hit back and accused Modi of distorting Pawar’s comments about Pakistan. NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik said in Mumbai that the Prime Minister should either prove that the NCP chief praised the rulers

of the neighbouring country or apologise, PTI reported.

Addressing an event at the NCP headquarters in Mumbai on September 14, Pawar, a former Union minister, had said, “I have visited Pakistan and received their hospitality... It is a misplaced fact that people in Pakistan are unhappy. The present government has been spreading lies about Pakistan for their own political benefits.”

At the Nashik rally, Modi said, “Hamey naya Kashmir banana hai, har Kashmiri ko gale lagana hai (we want to make a new

In J&K, Centre aims to deliver schemes to people with sarpanch training

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE UNION Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is preparing a programme to train all newly elected sarpanchs in Jammu and Kashmir on how to take various Central government schemes that will now be extended to the bifurcated state.

The programme will also make the sarpanchs aware of various new laws that will now be applicable to the two Union Territories — Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

A senior MHA official said: “A draft proposal has been prepared and is being sent to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Officials from the ministry will be given the responsibility of this training. They will be trained in batches.”

As promised earlier, the government has also increased the insurance cover of sarpanchs from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh.

Earlier this month, close to 100 sarpanchs and members of various panchayats across J&K had come to Delhi to meet Home Minister Amit Shah.

They raised issues such as difficulties people are facing in the lockdown since August 5, salaries of panchs and sarpanchs, the threat to their lives from militants, and issues related to job creation and development in the region.

Sources in MHA said the government hopes to usher in de-



A security person in front of closed shops during a strike in Srinagar against the scrapping of special status to J&K. *PTI*

velopment in J&K through the panchs and sarpanchs, elected months before special status to the state under Article 370 was scrapped on August 5. The government has said that panchayats will now get funds in bank accounts through the direct benefit transfer route for implementation of Central schemes.

“However, most panchs and sarpanchs do not even know the different Central schemes in operation, as a large number of such schemes were until now not extendable to J&K due to Article 370,” the MHA official said. “Similarly, they do not know the new protections that people can enjoy under federal laws that would now be extended to J&K.

Giving an example, the official said that laws related to child marriage and dowry harassment

were not applicable there till now. “But people do not know this, and sarpanchs will take this to the people,” the official added.

On his visit to J&K before abrogation of special status, Shah had met sarpanchs and asked them to take the 354 Central government schemes to the grassroots level. The Home Minister has repeatedly said that abrogation of special status will pave the way for development of the region, as it will unlock land for acquisition for industry and help reach several Central schemes to the people in the interiors.

In his address to the nation in August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also said that Article 370 did not let people of J&K enjoy benefits of several social welfare laws and schemes brought in by the Union government.

Kashmir, embrace each Kashmiri.”

But, he said, without taking names, when Opposition leaders make such statements, “it gives our rivals a weapon to distort and wrongly project India’s image (before the world)... Even now there are efforts across the border to instigate and trigger violence in Jammu and Kashmir.”

He said the youth and the women in Kashmir are against violence — “they want development; they want employment.”

‘Trust apex court on Ram temple’

In what is being seen as a dig at ally Shiv Sena, which has been taking potshots at the Union government off and on over its failure to build the Ram temple at Ayodhya, Modi said, “Kuch bayan bahadur log anap-shanap bol rahey hai (some loudmouths are making irresponsible statements on Ram temple. (But) all citizens have respect for the Supreme Court, which is hearing the matter. Making statements out of context creates new hurdles, so everyone should show trust in the top court and in the judicial system.”

Reiterating the government’s commitment to make the Army stronger, the PM said, “Rafael

fighter jets will soon be part of the Army.” He also promised a defence logistic hub in Nashik, which houses the historic Bhosale Military Training School.

He also said that other parties, when in power, could not provide bulletproof jackets to soldiers who fought against terrorists, but in five years the BJP-led government has addressed these problems. “Today we not only make world-class bulletproof jackets but also export them to 100 countries,” Modi said.

Praise for Fadnavis

In his speech, Modi also heaped praises on Maharashtra CM Fadnavis, in a way putting an end to all speculation about the CM candidate in the upcoming Vidhan Sabha polls.

Stating that “Devendra-ji ne Maharashtra ko nayi disha di (gave a new direction)”, the Prime Minister said, “Fadnavis is the only chief minister of Maharashtra after late Vasant Naik to have completed a five-year term uninterrupted. It is also a comment on the Opposition, which instilled uncertainty in the government during their regime.... People should take advantage of a visionary leader like Fadnavis... to ensure Maharashtra attains glorious heights.”

J&K cadre officers meet chief secy over possible merger, postings outside

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 19

AMID GROWING apprehension among Jammu and Kashmir cadre officers of several central services, representatives from three services met state Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam in Srinagar earlier this week and are learnt to have been assured that their interest will be “safeguarded”.

Officers from the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), Indian Police Services (IPS) and the Indian Forest Services (IFS) met Subrahmanyam at his residence to apprise him of their concerns regarding “possible merger of the cadre with the Arunachal Goa Mizoram and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, or postings to ‘any’ third cadre”.

Officials familiar with the proceedings of the meet told *The Indian Express* the Chief Secretary “has assured the cadre that their interest will be safeguarded”.

Sources said there was a discussion on creation of a “J&K special UT cadre”, but this remains so far unclear.

At least 10 members from the three services told the CS that there is speculation about officers from the cadre being moved out of J&K with the creation two Union Territories and the scrapping of special status under Article 370. At present, the strength of the IAS cadre in J&K is 137; a similar number of IPS and

IFS officials serve in J&K.

Most officials from the three services are learnt to be keen on keeping the cadre intact, citing sensitivity. “This is a sensitive state in the middle of an important transition. It is important that an experienced administrative machinery is in charge of the fallout of this tradition,” an official who attended the meeting, but did not wish to be identified, said.

Another senior official said, “There are concerns within the ranks about merger of the J&K cadre with AGMUT, or a spillover into a third cadre with postings to other states. Our training has been in this state and many of us have served the entirety of our careers here. It would be difficult for someone not originally from the cadre to be posted here for a short tenure and understand nuances of the situation in this state.”

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act states that members of the cadres of IAS, IPS and Indian Forest Service “for the existing State of Jammu and Kashmir, on and from the appointed day, shall continue to function on the existing cadres”.

Noting that officers allocated to UTs of J&K and Ladakh “shall function within these Union Territories,” in accordance with rules framed by the Union government, the Act also states that in future All-India Service officers to be posted to the UTs “shall be borne on the AGMUT cadre, and necessary modifications in rules may be made” by the Centre.

Changed UP’s perception, pulled it out of identity crisis: Yogi on his govt completing half term

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 19

MARKING THE completion of the first half-term of the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said that the “biggest achievement” of his “team” in the last two-and-a-half years has been “changing the perception” of the state and “pulling it out of an identity crisis”.

Borrowing a phrase from the Ramayana, the CM said when the BJP government was formed in the state after a *vanvas* (exile) of 14 years, there were a lot of challenges before it, “but turning these challenges into opportunities, UP’s perception has been changed by our team before the country and the world.”

Claiming that there have been no riots in the last 30 months of his government with



UP CM Yogi Adityanath with Deputy CM Keshav Maurya and BJP state president Swatantrdev Singh. *Vishal Srivastav*

all the festivals being held peacefully, Adityanath said, “The improved law and order played a major role in changing the perception of Uttar Pradesh.”

“Dacoity cases declined by 54 per cent, incidents of rape declined by 36 per cent, murder by 15 per cent, loot fell by 45 per

cent... The dreaded criminals have either fled from the state or are in jail... I can say that in the two-and-a-half years of my government, Uttar Pradesh has been pulled out of an identity crisis which it was facing, and these years have been significant in establishing trust in the adminis-

tration as well as from the point of view of development and governance as well,” he said.

During an hour-long press conference, Adityanath, who was flanked by his two deputies Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma as well as state BJP chief Swatantrdev Singh, released a booklet on the achievements of his government. A film titled *UP Ke Karmayogi* was also screened. “*Sanyasi ke karmayoga se damak raha UP ka bhaal* (Because of the work of a saint, UP is shining),” the video said, claiming that the two-and-a-half years of the Adityanath government were better than the past 65 years.

Claiming that Uttar Pradesh has set a “record” in implementation of various Central schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, Kisan insurance, construction of toilets and provision of health insurance, Adityanath

listed the achievements of his government, ranging from loan waiver for farmers, distributing soil health cards, reducing encephalitis deaths by 65 per cent and opening up of new medical colleges and airports. He claimed that in the past two-and-a-half years, about 50 lakh more students have been enrolled in basic education schools.

The Chief Minister also listed ongoing infrastructure projects like the Bundelkhand expressway, metro projects in different cities, proposed AIIMS in Gorakhpur and Rae Bareilly among the achievements of his government. He said UP is among the “top states in the tourism sector” through the successful holding of Kumbh in Prayagraj, Deepotsava in Ayodhya, Rangotsava in the Brij region and promotion of spiritual, heritage as well as eco-tourism in the state.

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will receive the Goalkeepers Global Goals Award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) next week. Modi will be present at the two-day award ceremony in New York and receive the award on September 25, government sources say.

Goalkeepers is the foundation’s campaign to accelerate progress towards sustainable development goals.

Modi has been chosen for the award — one of the most prestigious awards in the development sector — for his government’s initiatives on sanitation, including the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, which was among the first programmes announced by him in his first stint as prime minister.

A statement from BMGF said,

PM to receive Goalkeepers award in New York on Sept 25

“Sanitation is a key factor in improving the health and well-being of millions of people, especially women and children. Globally, sanitation-related diseases kill nearly 500,000 children under the age of 5 every year. Yet despite its importance, sanitation has not received significant attention... Before the Swachh Bharat mission, over 500 million people in India did not have access to safe sanitation, and now, the majority do... The Swachh Bharat Mission can serve as a model for other countries around the world that urgently need to improve access to sanitation for the world’s poorest.”

This year’s Goalkeepers annual report heaps praise on India for its innovative use of digital technology to better people’s lives. “India’s pioneering of what is known as ‘the JAM trinity’... The J stands for Jan Dhan Yojana, an Indian government programme to help poor people open bank accounts. The A stands for Aadhaar,

a programme to provide every Indian resident with a unique ID linked to biometric authentication like fingerprints. And the M stands for mobile phones, which are quickly becoming ubiquitous in India. Together, accounts, ID, and phones make it possible for the government to deposit money directly into people’s bank accounts and verify the recipients’ identity. This in turn enables the government to be much more precise and ambitious about policymaking,” the report said.

The report chronicles how between 2012 and 2015, the government used the ‘JAM trinity’ to shift gradually from subsidising the price of gas to transferring cash directly into people’s bank accounts after they had bought the gas at market price. “The fully redesigned subsidy, launched nationwide under the name PAHAL in 2015, is the world’s largest cash transfer programme,” the report said.

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NORTH

HC denies maternity leave to govt staff in case of third child

Nainital: The Uttarakhand High Court has passed an order denying maternity leave to women in government jobs for their third child. In an order dated September 17, Chief Justice Ramesh Rangnathan and Justice Alok Kumar Verma of the high court quashed an earlier order by a single bench. The double bench overruled the order accepting the contention of the state government. The single bench order was delivered on a PIL filed by Haldwani-based nurse Urmila Masih challenging a government rule denying maternity leave to women employees of the state for their third child. **PTI**



Mongolia President Khaltmaagiin Battulga being received by Minister of State Kiren Rijiju on his arrival in New Delhi on Thursday. **PTI**

EAST

Man sentenced to death for raping, killing 6-yr-old girl

Cuttack: A 26-year-old man was sentenced to death by a special court here on Thursday for raping and killing a six-year-old girl in Cuttack district in 2018. Additional District and special POC SO court Judge Vandana Kar sentenced Mohammad Mustaq to capital punishment after convicting him under section 302 (murder) and other sections of the IPC and section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Special Public Prosecutor A K Nayaksaid. The girl was found in a critical condition with deep injuries in the evening of April 21, 2018. Mustaq was arrested a day after the girl was found. **PTI**

WEST

Bail plea of man who 'tried to join IS' in Syria dismissed

Mumbai: A special court on Thursday rejected the bail application of Areeb Majeed, who is facing trial for allegedly travelling to Iraq and Syria to join the Islamic State (IS). Majeed, who has been behind bars since November 2014, sought bail for the third time, on grounds including the recent amendment to the UAPA Act. Majeed had claimed that prior to the amendment, the NIA did not have the jurisdiction to investigate an offence which took place allegedly in Iraq and Syria. Majeed also claimed that his return was 'facilitated' by the NIA and that he had not sneaked into the country, as claimed by the agency. Meanwhile, a witness was declared hostile during recording of evidence. **ENS**

SOUTH

Karnataka woman given triple talaq over WhatsApp

Bengaluru: A Muslim woman from Shivamogga has approached the police accusing her husband of giving her triple talaq from Dubai over WhatsApp. The couple had been married for about 20 years, and the husband had left for Sharjah-Dubai in January, police said. The man is said to have repeatedly picked up a quarrel with her, and gave her talaq in August, they said. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019, and under section 498A (husband or relative of husband of a woman subjecting her to cruelty) of the IPC. **PTI**



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh waves before flying a sortie on the LCA Tejas at HAL, Bengaluru, on Thursday. **ANI**

‘Thrilling, special’: Rajnath first Defence Minister to fly Tejas

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RAJNATH SINGH became the first Defence Minister to fly in the indigenously built Tejas fighter aircraft on Thursday. The 30-minute sortie in the multi-role Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), from HAL airport in Bengaluru, was piloted by Air Vice-Marshals Narmadeshwar Tiwari.

"Thrilling and special" is how Singh described his experience of flying the fourth-generation aircraft. He congratulated Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Aeronautical

Development Agency (ADA) for building the aircraft.

Many countries have shown an interest in Tejas, the minister said, adding that he was proud that India had achieved a level where fighter jets and other defence equipment can be exported.

Air Vice-Marshals Tiwari said that Singh, who had been briefed about Tejas by senior officers of the Air Force, controlled the aircraft for some time during the flight and was "very happy with the quality and smoothness of the aircraft".

Later in the day, Singh addressed DRDO members at the Centre for Airborne Systems and reiterated that flying the indige-

nously-developed Tejas was a proud and memorable moment for him. Encouraging the efforts of scientists and technicians in the development of indigenous defence systems, Singh mentioned the successes of the AS-TRA missile, the LCA Tejas and the successful utilisation of NE-TRA in Balakot, stating that these had restored the confidence of the country in DRDO.

Domestic content in defence manufacturing industry will reach 75 per cent by 2030, he added. At another event in Bengaluru, Singh emphasised the importance of R&D, innovation and creation of cutting-edge technologies to become self-reliant in defence production.

Inaugurating the seventh edition of Engineers Conclave 2019 based on themes of 'Defence Technology & Innovation' and 'Transformation of Rural India Using Digital Technologies', Singh said the Indian defence industry had not reached its full potential in the past and this led to overwhelming dependence on imported arms.

"It is well said that when nations go to war, the one with the best technology is most likely to win," said Singh, adding that developing critical and cutting-edge technologies indigenously will make the country self-sufficient, thus saving foreign exchange which could be utilised for other development activities.

SHIVAKUMAR BAIL PLEA

By paying tax, tainted property can't become untainted: ED

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate told a Delhi court that it was irrelevant that Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar has disclosed his income to the I-T department, and just the fact that he paid taxes does not "make tainted property untainted".

The ED was opposing Shivakumar's bail application in connection with a money-laundering case. The arguments remained inconclusive and will recommence on Saturday.

Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, appearing for the ED, said, "The declaration of property made by him is irrelevant. The question is how he acquired it. Even if he pays tax on it, it still remains tainted. By just paying tax, tainted property cannot be turned into untainted," he said.

"He says he is an agriculturist. Rs 1.38 crore from agricultural income is projected by him in the last 20 years. Entire property is Rs 800 crore. Saying Rs 1.38 crore was invested and became Rs 800 crore is unbelievable... when you sow paddy, you don't get gold."

Air Marshal Bhadauria to take over as IAF chief on Sept 30

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

AIR MARSHAL Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria will become the next Chief of Air Staff, it was announced on Thursday.

Air Marshal Bhadauria, who became Vice Chief of Air Staff in May this year, will take charge on September 30 when incumbent Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa retires.

The government has decided to go with the senior-most officer in succession, as has been the general convention, unlike in selecting General Bipin Rawat as the Army chief in 2017 and Admiral Karambir Singh as Navy chief earlier this year, both of whom had superseded their seniors.

Air Marshal Bhadauria and Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa were to retire together on September 30. But with his elevation, Air Marshal Bhadauria will now retire on September 30, 2021. Chiefs of the three services retire either after serving as chief for three years, or on attaining the age of 62, whichever is earlier.

This is not the first instance when both the chief and the vice-chief were to retire on the same day and the vice-chief



Air Marshal Bhadauria was a chief test pilot for Tejas and is one of the first IAF pilots to fly the Rafale jet.

took over. The handover takes place at forenoon, thus facilitating the vice-chief to take over just before he is due to retire.

It last took place in 1991, when Air Marshal N C Suri took over from Air Chief Marshal S K Mehra even as both were to retire the same day.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, the institution he went on to head later, Air Marshal Bhadauria was commissioned in the fighter stream of the Air Force in June 1980 and had won the Sword of Honour as he stood at the top in the overall order of merit.

With more than 4,250 hours of flying experience on 26 types of fighter and trans-

port aircraft, Air Marshal Bhadauria was a chief test pilot for Tejas, and has also led the flight test centre for the Light Combat Aircraft as its project director. He was one of the first pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to fly the Rafale jets, 36 of which have been bought by India and the first will be delivered soon.

After flying a sortie in the Dassault-made Rafale in July, Air Marshal Bhadauria had said that the fighter jet will be "a game-changer" for the IAF from its planning perspective, and for "offensive missions and planning the kind of war we want to conduct in the coming years".

As Deputy Chief of Air Staff, he was also head of the contract negotiating committee for Rafale jets.

Air Marshal Bhadauria has been Commandant of NDA, Deputy Chief of Air Staff at the Air headquarters, and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command, and later the Training Command before being made the Vice Chief of Air Staff.

He has been awarded the Param Vishist Seva Medal, the Ati Vishist Seva Medal, and the Vayu Sena Medal.

Oral evidence of idol at 'garbh grih' prior to 1949, says SC

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday said that oral evidence had come on record that there was an idol at the "garbh grih" (sanctum sanctorum) believed to be the birthplace of Ram below the central dome of the Babri Masjid even prior to 1949 and that Hindus had prayed to it.

According to the Muslim side, idols were placed inside the central dome for the first time on the night of December 22-23, 1949, by trespassers.

Justice Ashok Bhushan, who is part of the five-judge Constitution bench hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 judgment of Allahabad High Court, referred to the statement of one Hausila Prasad Tripathi, who said he had seen "one niche-placed idol" and "one photograph" in the sanctum sanctorum when he first visited Ayodhya in 1935 when he was 12-13 years old.

Tripathi said he had gone to Ayodhya first in December 1935 with his uncle Mata Prasad Tripathi and had since been a regular visitor. He stated that pilgrims, after praying at the Chabutra, used to pray to the garbh griha from the "wall with bars" — after the 1855 communal riots, the British had installed railings at the disputed site to demarcate the area into two zones for Hindus and Muslims to pray separately.

Justice Bhushan's rejoinder came as Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan insisted that there was no evidence of Hindus praying to the central dome and it was the Ram Chabutra in the outer courtyard, which they believed was where Ram was born, where the idols were kept and worshipped. "So it may not be correct when you say there is no evidence. How we appreciate it is different?" asked Justice Bhushan.

The bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi is hearing arguments against the Allahabad High Court verdict dividing the disputed 2.77 acres into three equal portions.

Justice Bhushan also referred to statements of other witnesses who visited the place and spoke about pilgrims praying to the sanctum sanctorum inside the



dome through the iron grill and offering flowers, etc. He cited the testimony of Ram Surat Tiwari, who said he visited the place in 1942 with his brother Ram Keval Tiwari "who was in service of the Raja Saheb Ayodhya".

Dhavan countered this saying it was "not plausible evidence". The senior counsel tried to blow holes in Tripathi's testimony and said he was stating what his uncle explained to him. Turning to Justice Bhushan, Dhavan remarked, "I note some aggression in your Lordship's stand." Senior Advocate C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for Ramlalla, said "it is unfortunate" that such comments were being made.

Justice D Y Chandrachud too intervened, after which Dhavan tendered an apology to the bench and Vaidyanathan.

He then took the court through a cross-examination of witnesses and said their testimonies were an afterthought and could not be considered evidence. The Ramjanmabhoomi question had already become an issue when these witnesses recorded their statements, he added.

On Wednesday, the bench had pointed to the "close proximity" of the 'Ram Chabutra' — located in the courtyard of the disputed site — to the railings and wondered whether Hindus, by praying at the railings, were actually praying to something beyond, to their deity whom they believed existed in the central dome of the mosque.

On Thursday, Dhavan said "before 1989, there was no claim by Hindu parties that their prayer in the outer courtyard was to the alleged deity in the central dome". He submitted that "there was the danger that in cases like this, conjecture or suspicion may take the place of legal proof".

The Board's counsel said that Ramjanmabhoomi was a post-1980 phenomenon.

GOVT ACTS TOUGH

Accused in mob violence won't get govt jobs in Bihar

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 19

WITH BIHAR reporting 39 cases of mob violence in which 14 people were killed, the state government has decided to act tough to send a message across.

It has been decided that an accused in a mob violence case might lose his job if he is a state government employee; and if he is not a government employee, he gets automatically disqualified for any job in the government, said a senior police official. State police have been gathering video footage from the media and local residents to identify more accused.

So far, 345 people have been named in 39 mob violence cases in Patna, Sasaram, Jehanabad, Gaya and other districts. Police have arrested 278 people in connection with these cases.

Most of these incidents were triggered by child-lifting rumours. Last month, four Gaya residents were beaten up badly on the suspicion that they are child-lifters. An old man and a mentally-challenged woman were killed by a mob in Patna in August on similar suspicion.

Add DGP, CID, Vinay Kumar said, "In mob lynching cases, we often book unidentified people. We are now focusing more on

So far, 345 people have been named in 39 mob violence cases in Patna, Sasaram, Jehanabad, Gaya and other districts

identifying faces in the crowd with help of video footage gathered through media and local people. The objective is to ensure that people do not take law in their hands."

He said the accused could now lose government jobs and contracts. "In recent cases, over 2,000 unknown people are booked. Despite several warnings, people continued to take law in their hands because of unfounded rumours," said Kumar. Addl DGP (headquarters) Jitendra Kumar said the state police had been closely monitoring these cases. "Chargesheets would be filed in most cases soon and we would also ensure speedy trial," said Kumar.

"Since almost 90 per cent mob violence cases in the past decade led to zero convictions, there is an urgency to gather more scientific evidence and name more accused. We need more convictions so that it works as a deterrent for lumpen elements."

VILLAGERS SAY ONLY FEW ELDERS RAISED CASTE ISSUE

After barring his entry, Karnataka village to felicitate MP

RALPH ALEX ARAKAL
TUMKUR, SEPTEMBER 19

DAYS AFTER Gollarahatti village, a settlement of the Golla community in Tumakuru's Pemmanahalli, hit the headlines for denying entry to Chitradurga MP A Narayanaswamy as he is from an "inferior caste", residents decided to felicitate him and welcomed him to the village on Friday.

Recalling the incident, villagers clarified that only a couple of elders questioned the MP's entry citing his caste. "The elders came up to the MP and said his entry to the village would be against their beliefs. Others came and stopped them and welcomed the MP, but he was hurt and went back," former Panchayat presi-

dent Dasappa said.

He said the villagers have now realised that the MP is trying to bring in development. "The teams from Biocon and Narayana Hrudayalaya, which came with the MP, assessed the village with regard to their Corporate Social Responsibility schemes. The villagers were not used to politicians visiting as they have been neglected for a long time," he added.

Gollarahatti comprises around 150 huts and farmlands where residents farm ragi, paddy and groundnuts. Severe drought has hit the harvests since 2016, villagers said.

"Lack of basic amenities and drought conditions have added to our frustrations," said Ashok D R, a villager.

Meanwhile, Kannada actor



Chitradurga MP A Narayanaswamy was turned away from Gollarahatti village on September 16. **Express**

Chetan and a group of social workers visited the village on Thursday as part of a Parivartana Rally organised to spread awareness among the residents.

After interacting with residents, Chetan told *The Indian Express* it is the collective responsibility of the government, educated citizens and social workers

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Over-reporting: Duplicates, faulty count in photos; different numbers in same report

photographed twice; in some cases even thrice; photos repeated, and photos repeated but shown as that of different tigers in the data set.

Cubs: Population surveys typically disregard very young tigers because of their high mortality. The cut-off age for the all-India tiger estimation is variously described as 12-18 months in government reports. Using this yardstick, *The Indian Express* weeded out photos of cubs below 12 months in age — these added to 46.

FAULTY COUNTING BY FLANKS: This is less obvious but very glaring. A tiger has unique stripes on its right and left flanks. As per the counting method, two facing camera-traps are installed that simultaneously photograph both flanks of a tiger when it passes through.

A unique tiger is determined by its two unique flanks. Sometimes, a camera may not go off and only one flank is captured. In such cases, these single-flank photos are compared with corresponding flanks in the data set to rule out repetition.

TO ILLUSTRATE: Say, in a forest, 10 unique tigers have been identified based on their complete photos that capture both flanks for each. Distinct from these 10, let's assume that the cameras have also captured eight unique single-flank photos: say, five right and three left. Since any combination of the five unique right and three unique left flanks could, possibly, belong to the same tiger, the smaller set of single flanks should be discarded. So the total number of individual tigers should be 10 plus five — 15. But in the official survey, it's been counted as 10 plus five plus three, 18.

Going by this statistical rule, 136 photos need to be discarded.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: At least 49 photos were of either indiscernible stripes or material insufficient (only whiskers, tail etc) for identification. A specialised software, ExtractCompare, is commonly used to match tiger stripe patterns. This software requires clear reference points (head/shoulder, hip-joint/tail etc) to create a 3-D surface model and then display the most likely matches within a data set.

So, a photo depicting only the head or ramp of a tiger may be useful, said experts, for recording a re-capture event but should not be counted as a unique indi-



Cubs identified as individual tigers — (from top) Melghat-18, Kaziranga-99 and Kanha-105 — in the all-India tiger report. As per norms, cubs (below 12 months) are not considered for population estimation due to their high mortality.

vidual. For example, a head-only photo cannot be used to confirm identity even if a single unique tiger in the data does not have its head in the frame.

In all, these 282 discarded photos bring the number of photographed individual tigers down from 1,696 to 1,414 — 221 less of the government's claim of 1,635 tigers.

India switched from the highly subjective pugmark count method to camera-traps for estimating tiger numbers after *The Indian Express* exposed in a series of reports in 2005 the local extirpation in Rajasthan's Sariska tiger reserve and the dismal state of conservation in a number of other reserves. The Tiger Task Force appointed subsequently by the then prime minister recommended a slew of reforms.

The first estimate with the new method in 2007 corrected the inflated tiger numbers from over 3,000 to 1,411. The next census reported a 21% jump to 1,706 in 2011. This was followed by a

massive 30% increase in 2015 that now appears to be inflated. This July, the government celebrated a remarkable 33% rise in tiger numbers to 2,967. That report, including 2,461 photographed tigers, is awaited.

Not just photographs, a close analysis of the Government's own reports show glaring discrepancies.

Consider these:

■ Announcing an estimated 2226 tigers for India in January 2015, the government claimed that 1,540 unique tigers were photographed in a summary report released on the occasion.

■ Weeks later, this was replaced by a second report that claimed 1,686 unique individuals identified from photos and DNA analysis.

■ Curiously, months later, a third report claimed all "1,686 individual tigers" were identified from "30,922 usable photo-captures of tigers" through "computer aided comparisons of stripe patterns", and annexed

1,696 photos.

There are inconsistencies in details of DNA analyses as well:

■ The second report said that 85 of 419 samples collected from 12 sites across the country for DNA analyses were confirmed as tiger droppings and these belonged to 47 different tigers.

■ The third report revised this to: 86 of 369 samples collected from 13 sites belonged to 51 different tigers.

An illustrative case of divergent data is from Bihar and its only tiger reserve Valmiki. The first report claims 28 unique tigers were photographed in Bihar. The second report brings it down to 21. But the third report has three versions: it carries 21 photos of individual tigers for Valmiki in its annexure but on page 159, it claims 23 were photographed. Then, on page 20, it gives the reserve's total tiger count as 22.

Take Rajasthan. The first report claims 51 tigers were identified through photographs.

Questioned, officials rush to amend but holes remain

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

ON SEPTEMBER 12, *The Indian Express* shared the findings of its investigation with the three lead authors of the all-India tiger estimation reports Y V Jhala and Qamar Qureshi of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Rajesh Gopal of the Global Tiger Forum (GTF); and with Anup Kumar Nayak, chief of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), seeking their comments on the discrepancies found.

Six days later, on September 18, the WII uploaded a modified photo album on its website with a corrigendum. It read: "The original 2014 tiger photo album had a few errors that were due to typos and pasting of the same photos in multiple places. These errors had crept in during copy-editing by the printer and have now been rectified in the uploaded corrigendum album for all camera trap photos obtained by the forest department of states and WII."

The modified album has brought down the number of total photos from 1,696 to 1,686 and reduced the number of unique tigers claimed from 1,635 to 1,540 — but that's still 126 more than a maximum of 1,414 individuals found in the data.

Of the 282 photos found unfit by *The Indian Express*, the modified album has dropped at least five (3 duplicate and 2 unidentifiable) and changed at least 19 (18 duplicate and 1 cub). Of these 18 "new," photos, two are still duplicates and another two are now cubs.

In a written response to *The Indian Express*, Jhala said: "It is not possible to add all sites (numbers given in the annexures) to come up with total unique tigers because there are common tigers between sites and adding up individual sites will lead to double counting of common tigers. Only a subset of the 1,686 tigers pho-

tographed/scat identified were used...to obtain the National Estimate of 2,226. For population estimation, tigers above the mid-shoulder height of mothers were included in the analysis, while photographs of all tigers are included in the photo album. Since this information is useful for solving poaching cases... Though there are some typographical errors and pasting errors in the album, considering the magnitude of the data and scale of the surveys, these were small and inconsequential to the population assessment of 2014."

Jhala did not specify how many of the 1,686 photos were used for statistical analysis and the rationale for annexing only 1,686 photos out of "30,922 usable photo-captures of tigers."

On inconsistent numbers offered in three reports, Jhala said: "Please do not refer to this 24-page (first) summary report since there were typographical errors which were corrected in the Final report." He did not comment on the inconsistent claims in the final report.

On the inconsistencies in the DNA analyses data, he claimed some samples were analysed after the summary report was published. "We identified 158 unique individuals (not all were used for population estimation). The table used for depicting the minimum numbers is only a sub-sample of these 158 individuals," he said, without specifying the rationale for selecting this apparently random subset.

On discrepancies in figures for Bihar and Rajasthan, Jhala said: "The correct number of tigers photo-captured in Valmiki is 21. On page 159 the number of 23 is a typographical error. The correct figure for Rajasthan is 48 adult tigers that were photo-captured in Ranthambhore, Sariska, Keladevi and Ramgarh, plus 15 cubs. The range on the state's tiger numbers 39-51 refers to the statistical standard error range."

The second report raises this to 63. The third report annexes 63 photos for the state but then claims only 48 individuals were

photographed. In another part of the report, the lower range of the state's tiger number is put at 39.

BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

HC dismisses Gujarat farmers' plea against land acquisition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 19

THE GUJARAT High Court on Thursday dismissed a set of 59 petitions moved by farmers against land acquisition for the Centre's Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project.

In their petitions, the farmers had challenged the land acquisition process adopted by the Gujarat government for the project, and also demanded four times the prevailing market rates as compensation for their land.

Upholding the land acquisition process adopted by the state, the High Court kept the issue of compensation open while giving the farmers the liberty to approach the government for it at the appropriate time.

A division bench of Justices Anant Dave and Biren Vaishnav pronounced the judgment on a set of petitions moved by farmers from south Gujarat. The project for the 508-km long bullet train corridor is being implemented by a special purpose vehicle — the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRL) — at a cost of Rs 1.08 lakh crore.

Advocate Archana Amin, who represented NHSRL in court, said the farmers had challenged the process adopted by the Gujarat government for acquiring land, under the amended Right to Fair compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 2016.

The petitioners contended that as the bullet train is an interstate project, the Centre is the appropriate authority for land acquisition and Gujarat government cannot initiate the process by issuing notifications under the provisions of the amended 2016 Act.

Amin said the Railways Ministry has issued a notification

while delegating powers to the state government to initiate land acquisition, and the notification has got the ascent of the President.

"So, the court has observed that in view of the presidential ascent, the notification can and may have retrospective effect," said Amin.

The other aspect raised by the petitioners was about social impact assessment (SIA) of the project. The NHSRL had contended that under the amended 2016 Act, the SIA was not mandatory. However, it added, as per the guidelines of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an assessment was carried out by the company. JICA is funding the project.

The amended 2016 act of the Gujarat government was an amendment to the Central Act of 2013 related to land acquisition. In the 2013 Act of the Centre, SIA was compulsory for land acquisition for any project. However, that provision was dropped by the 2016 amended Act, which has got the President's ascent as well.

In their petitions, the farmers also raised the issues of compensation and rehabilitation & resettlement (R&R) and demanded that they be paid four times the prevailing market rate.

Amin said, "The court has kept the issue of compensation open because this is not the proper stage of the project for the same. The court has held that the farmers can make appropriate demand when the stage of compensation is reached in the project..."

Expressing disappointment over the judgment, farmers' advocate Anand Yagnik said they would move the Supreme Court. Not only farmers, around 1500 non-farmers whose properties are going to be affected due to the project, will also join the farmers in the apex court, he said.

— WITH ENS, SURAT

SC seeks UP Home Secy appearance to respond to girl's plea on marriage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE SUPREME Court Thursday asked the Uttar Pradesh Home Secretary to appear before it on September 23 to respond to a minor Muslim girl's plea challenging an Allahabad High Court order declaring her marriage in June as void.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana and Ajay Rastogi was upset the state had not responded to the plea despite it being given time. It added that "under the above circumstances, we are compelled to seek the appearance of Secretary, Department of Home, Lucknow, U.P. on Monday, the 23rd September, 2019".

The 16-year-old has claimed that under Mohammedan law, a female who has attained the age of puberty, that is 15 years, can take independent decisions for her life including marriage.

The HC had said that since she is a "minor", her case will be governed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015.

In her appeal, the girl said she had performed 'nikah' with the man she loved on her own volition under Mohammedan law. The girl's father had lodged a police complaint alleging she was kidnapped.

J&K lockdown puts curbs on media, says apex court petitioner Bhasin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

JOURNALISTS IN Jammu and Kashmir are intimidated by the prevailing situation in the Valley and fearful of authorities monitoring their movement, email, and phone calls, said Anuradha Bhasin, executive editor of *Kashmir Times*, who has petitioned the Supreme Court against the communication blockade in Kashmir as a violation of Article 19, which guarantees the freedom of speech and expression.

Bhasin was speaking Thursday at the Mumbai Press Club on the subject "Media in Kashmir."

"The communication blockade has made it extremely difficult for journalists. There are no editorials... columns have disappeared and instead, there are articles on how to clean your homes, how to pray, about how technology is not necessary for everything. The official version is that everything is normal in the Valley," said Bhasin.

Kashmir Times, where Bhasin works, is Jammu-based and was launched by her father, the late Ved Bhasin. "We don't know what is happening on the other side," she said. The Srinagar edition of the paper has not been published since August 5. Bhasin said clamping down internet is denying people of their fundamental rights.

The discussion was moderated by Resident Editor of *The Indian Express*, Nirupama Subramanian.

Aspi Chinnoy, Constitutional lawyer, questioned the legality of the communication blockade and detentions of politicians and others. "The government cannot move against the entire populous of a state and then say it is for public order. What is worrying is that our institutions are not coping with it as they should have. There is no question asked from the court to the government under what law this has been done."

Nirav Modi remanded until October 17, UK extradition trial set for May 2020

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

FUGITIVE DIAMOND merchant Nirav Modi, wanted in India in connection with the nearly \$2 billion Punjab National Bank fraud and money laundering case, was on Thursday further remanded to judicial custody until October 17 by a UK court, which said it was working towards his extradition trial hearing in May 2020.

The 48-year-old appeared before the Westminster Magistrates' Court in London from his prison via video link for a routine "call-over" hearing.

Judge David Robinson told Nirav Modi, who is fighting extradition to India, that there was nothing "substantial" to deal with and that the court was working towards a five-day extradition trial hearing for May 11-15, 2020.

A team of officials from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and CBI were present in court for the brief hearing, required under UK law every 28 days pending an extradition trial. There is also likely to be a case management hearing in the case ahead of the trial in February next year.

Nirav Modi has been lodged at Wandsworth prison in southwest London, one of England's most overcrowded jails, since his arrest in March on an extradition warrant executed by Scotland Yard on charges brought by the Indian government, being represented by the UK's Crown Prosecution Service in court. PTI

Karnataka govt to shift Winter Session from flood-hit Belagavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 19

THE BJP government in Karnataka has decided to shift the venue of the annual Winter Session of the state legislature from the north Karnataka city of Belagavi to Bengaluru on account of the ravages of the recent floods in the Belagavi region.

"Officials in Belagavi said they would be hard-pressed to hold the Winter Session on account of the necessity to carry out flood relief work. As a result, the Winter Session will be held in Bengaluru from October 14 to 26," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhuswamy said.

According to a statement released by the state government, 872 villages were affected and 4.15 lakh people were displaced in Belagavi by the floods last month,



Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, Congress's Siddaramaiah

which also resulted in the collapse of 70,000 homes. "The reason for shifting the Belagavi session is to allow officials to focus on flood relief work instead of the legislature session. The decision was taken on the basis of reports given by officials and for the benefit of victims," the statement said.

The opposition Congress and JDS have called the decision a move to avoid facing the wrath of people in Belagavi over delays in announcing a flood relief package

for the region.

"The fear of providing answers on the lack of relief measures to the people of Belagavi has forced the state government to shift the venue of the session," Congress leader Siddaramaiah said.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa accused the Congress of indulging in politics. "The flood situation is the same in about six to seven states. Funds will be released to all the states at the earliest by the Centre," he said.

Venkaiah asks corporates to help boost govt efforts on tourism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

OBSERVING THAT tourism is a major engine for economic growth and creation of employment, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday asked the corporate sector to supplement the efforts of governments in developing tourist destinations and promoting tourism in the country.

"From Kanyakumari to Kashmir, India has many scenic and pilgrimage destinations with relevance to Indian history, culture,

mythology and heritage. There is a great scope and need to develop tourist circuits on specific themes to attract the tourists having special interest in visiting such places," Naidu said, releasing *Himalayan Odyssey*, a book written by M P Veerendra Kumar, Rajya Sabha member and chairman and managing director of Mathrubhumi Group of publications.

Himalayan Odyssey is the English translation of Kumar's Malayalam book *Haimavathabhuvil*, which had won Kendra Sahitya Akademi and Kerala Sahitya Akademi awards.

Arguing that "tourism is a



M Venkaiah Naidu releases the book *Himalayan Odyssey* authored by M P Veerendra Kumar (left). PTI

Kerala HC says Internet access a fundamental right

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 19

THE KERALA High Court on Thursday said the right to access Internet is a fundamental right and part of the right to education.

A bench of Justice P V Asha was acting upon a petition moved by college student Faheema Shirin, questioning the restrictions imposed on use of mobile phones at her college hostel.

The court admitted the contention of the petitioner that the Internet, accessed through mobile phones or computers, gave an opportunity for the students to gather information.

As per rules of the girls' hostel at Sree Narayana College, Kozhikode, inmates were not allowed to use mobile phones from 6 pm to 10 pm. Shirin and a few others were sacked from the

college hostel after they refused to follow the rule.

Shirin then approached the High Court, saying the restrictions have affected her learning as she could not access Internet using her mobile phone. The curbs on the use of mobile phones amounted to a violation of fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India, her plea said.

She said she wanted to bring a change in the mindset of the college authorities. "The restriction on mobile use was only at the girls' hostel. The boys' hostel did not have any such restrictions. Hence, I decided to fight against this discrimination," she said.

Shirin said, "I am an English literature student and I have been clearing doubts by surfing in the Internet, accessed through mobile phone."

major engine for economic growth and for creation of employment in sectors like hospitality, transport and employers local communities", Naidu said, "While the Central and state governments are doing their bit to develop tourist spots and promote tourism, I would like to suggest to the corporate sector to supplement the efforts of the governments."

"As a matter-of-fact, corporate bodies like CII, FICCI and ASSOCHAM should identify tourism places which are less developed and fund their development and beautification. From

pilgrim tourism to adventure tourism; from eco-tourism to wellness tourism, incredible India has plenty to offer. Wherever possible, PPP model should be implemented to make India one of the most attractive global tourist destinations," he added.

He echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's suggestion that people, especially the youth, must visit at least 15 tourist destinations within India by 2022 to give boost to domestic tourism. "By going around the country, you will be knowing the history, culture, heritage...that will really help. That gives you knowl-

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

ED searches premises linked to K D Singh

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) searched the residence and offices associated with TMC Rajya Sabha MP K D Singh in Chandigarh and Delhi on Thursday.

Agency sources said the searches — which came hours after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met Home Minister Amit Shah — were conducted in connection with a money-laundering case involving a company owned by Singh. The firm allegedly swindled Rs 1,900 crore of investors' money through a ponzi scheme.

In January this year, the ED had attached assets worth more than Rs 239 crore belonging to Singh and his firm.

The ED probe is associated with financial transactions of Singh's firm Alchemist Infra Realty Ltd (AIRL), which was earlier prosecuted by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for duping investors through the scheme.

The ED had earlier attached assets "situated at various places like Chandigarh, Panchkula, Dera-bassi, SAS Nagar (Punjab), Shimla" belonging to the company apart from accounts in HDFC Bank.

The central probe agency had last year summoned the Member of Parliament, now sidelined in



TMC MP
K D Singh

the Trinamool Congress (TMC), as part of these investigations. While Singh had resigned as chairman of the Alchemist group in 2012, his Rajya Sabha profile mentions him as Chairman Emeritus and founder of the business group.

The ED's probe against Singh and Ms Alchemist Infra Realty Limited dates back to September 2016, when it filed a criminal case under the PMLA taking cognizance of a chargesheet filed against the company, its directors and others by SEBI.

"Investigation revealed that the proceeds of crime generated by Alchemist Infra Realty Ltd were laundered through the web of companies. Investigations also revealed that the funds mobilised by the firm from various investors were never utilised for the purpose for which they were collected and the same were transferred to bank accounts of other group companies which were mainly paper companies from where they were systematically siphoned off by the accused and used to purchase properties at various locations in the country," the ED said in a statement earlier.

CBI conducts searches for Kolkata ex-top cop

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

AS FORMER Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar continues to evade summons from the CBI for questioning in connection with Saradha scam, the agency on Thursday carried out extensive searches to locate him. The CBI also approached Alipore Court for a non-bailable arrest warrant against Kumar, but the court dismissed the petition. However, the court said in its order that the CBI has got full right to arrest Kumar.

The CBI has also issued a fresh notice to Kumar, now posted as ADG (CID), asking him to appear before it on September 20.

According to sources, various teams of the CBI, including officials from Delhi, carried out searches across Kolkata and ad-

joining areas on Thursday. The team visited his Park Street residence, the IPS officers' mess and hotels to locate Kumar. So far, he remains untraceable and the searches continue, said CBI officials.

The CBI has so far served three summons to Kumar ever since the High Court withdrew his protection from arrest.

A close aide of Kumar said, "He is not absconding. Kumar has informed the CBI that he is on leave till September 25."

According to the CBI, Kumar was involved in tampering evidence and protecting influential people from investigation in the Saradhascam. Kumar was head of the Special Investigation Team constituted by the West Bengal government to probe the case. Subsequently, the apex court ordered the case to be transferred to the CBI.

Don't inaugurate Birbhum coal block till green nod: MP to PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

A DAY after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the Birbhum coal block, Rajya Sabha MP Swapan Dasgupta on Thursday urged him not to inaugurate it unless proper environmental clearances are received and a rehabilitation package is given to the affected people.

During her meeting with the Prime Minister on Wednesday, Banerjee invited him to inaugurate Deocha Pachami coal block in Birbhum after Durga Puja.

Dasgupta, who was nominated to the Upper House by the BJP-led government, wrote to the Prime Minister on Thursday, saying that if he inaugurated the coal block at this juncture, it would lead to "serious distortions" and open way for unscrupulous operators. "The plans are at a very early stage and there has been no study of its likely social and environmental consequences. The process of securing environmental clearances has not yet begun," he wrote.

He further wrote that the area where the coal block was located was populated by vulnerable tribal groups and plans for rehabilitation of the displaced people had not yet taken shape. "In recent weeks, Birbhum district has been gripped by political violence and there are serious charges of police high-handedness. There is a suspicion that some of the violence may be triggered by land sharks. Given these factors, I feel that your presence at a formal inauguration of the project after the Durga Puja festival may send all wrong signals."

Dasgupta added that the Prime Minister's presence at such an event might indicate that all necessary formalities were completed and mining was likely to be operational within a short time.

Uma: Like breathing, economy also faces ups and downs

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 19

REJECTING REPORTS of economic slowdown in the country, senior BJP leader and former Union minister Uma Bharti on Thursday said this is just a phase and compared the present scenario with breathing exercise, stating that one may breathe in and breathe out, but the body per se keeps functioning.

Bharti also said that some of those making claims of slowdown have gone to jail, and took the example of former Union minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram, and some others have confined themselves in a self-imposed jail, far removed from ground realities.

Addressing an event in Dehradun, organised by the BJP as part of its nationwide campaign to create awareness about "advantages" of abrogation of special status to J&K, Bharti said: "Mandi (slowdown) ke daur ki jahan tak baat hai yeh to saason ke aaroh aur avroh ki tarah hota hai. Saans neeche hoti hai, saans oopar hoti hai, lekin shareer pura ka pura chal raha hota hai; uska function chal raha hota hai. Mujhe kahin koi mandi ka daur nahi dikhai de raha hai (so far as slowdown is con-



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his office in Delhi on Thursday. ANI

Mamata meets Shah, raises NRC exclusions in Assam

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, raised the issue of exclusions in the National Register of Citizens in Assam. She later said there was no need for NRC in her state.

This was Banerjee's first meeting with Shah after he assumed office three months ago.

"We have handed over a letter, where we have said that of the 19 lakh people who have been excluded in the NRC in Assam, there are many Bengali-speaking people. There are Hindi-speaking people as well, our Gurkha brothers and sisters are also there, some local Assamese too. We have said whichever genuine voter has been left out should get an opportunity in a manner that they feel they are very much Indian. So we have discussed issues related to NRC," Banerjee said.

When asked if the issue of NRC in Bengal was discussed, she said, "The Home Minister said nothing about NRC in Bengal. Our stand is clear — there is no need for NRC in Bengal. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has also said there is no need for NRC in his state. So we discussed issues re-

EXPLAINED

In the meetings, a hint of Mamata's softening tone

WEST BENGAL CM Mamata Banerjee's meeting with PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah over the last two days, inviting the former for inauguration of a coal block and expressing satisfaction that both heard her patiently, is a sign that he fiery TMC leader has significantly mellowed down and diluted her belligerence towards the Centre. Notably, she had not only avoided Modi's swearing-in for his second term as PM but also skipped Niti Aayog meetings.

The soft tone and tenor of her address to the media on these meetings is also an indication that Banerjee is no more ready to fight the Centre on every small issue.

lated to Assam NRC only."

Banerjee's statement comes a day after Shah, speaking in Jharkhand, had stated that NRC would be implemented across the country, and those not found genuine citizens would have to leave the country. Shah has earlier too made statements to this effect and even referred to these alleged foreigners as "termites".

Mamata's visit and discussion on NRC also comes in the backdrop of the BJP being on the backfoot in Assam and Bengal over exclusion of a large number of Bengali-speaking Hindus. The TMC has already made it a politi-

cal issue in Bengal.

Mamata said the NRC had created uncertainty in Assam, and that Shah was receptive to her concerns.

"So whatever I spoke about (NRC in Assam), he (the Home Minister) listened carefully. He said he would look into it. So many people in Assam are facing uncertainty. Where to stay? Where to go? I told him about digital ration card lines. Lakhs of people have got in the queue because it has created a scare. So I told him our country is for all languages and for all kinds of people. So we must make sure that whoever is Indian is not disturbed. The Home Minister heard me carefully and I believe he will play a positive role."

Banerjee's mention of India being a land of all languages also comes days after Shah pushed for promotion of Hindi across the country.

Calling her meeting with Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday a "constitutional obligation", Banerjee said, "We are supposed to work together. In West Bengal there are many borders as well — Bangladesh border, Bhutan border and Nepal border. There is the northeastern gateway. Bengal has the chicken's neck. So it is a very important region. Then there are the Bihar and Odisha borders. We spoke about all of that."

On the issue of inauguration of the second largest coal block in Birbhum, Banerjee said, "As far as the coal block inauguration is concerned, I will be happy if the PM comes. We will take care of the relief and rehabilitation of people affected by it. We are of the soil, not of the sky."

She refused to comment on the issue of CBI pursuing West Bengal-cadre IPS officer Rajeev Kumar, saying the issue was not discussed. Kumar is known to be close to Banerjee and is under probe in the Saradha case.

Former Cong Jharkhand chief joins AAP

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FORMER JHARKHAND Congress president Ajoy Kumar joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Thursday in the presence of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Kumar resigned from the Congress last month. In his resignation letter, he alleged that several senior party leaders sought to grab political posts for personal benefits.

On Thursday, Kumar said, "I look forward to working with AAP for the upcoming Delhi elections. As far as Jharkhand is concerned, we have a long hill to climb and we are looking to form a government by 2024 where we are looking to work with good people."

Sisodia said AAP is playing different roles in different parts of the country and Kumar will join the movement of development.

Kumar completed his MBBS in 1985 and was inducted in the IPS in 1986, where he received the President's medal under training. He resigned from police service in 1996 and worked in a few private firms. He later joined Babulal Marandi's JVM (P) and was elected MP from Jamshepur. He joined the Congress in 2014 and became state party chief in 2017. "We have known each other since the days of 'andolan' (Anna Hazare movement). Now he will work in all states with us," Sisodia said.



Uma Bharti

cerned, it is like ups and down while breathing but entire body remains functional. I do not see any slowdown."

Bharti said there may be several ways of calculating economic growth but the important thing is "everyone is getting employment and livelihood" without any discrimination. But the critics, she maintained, cannot see that because among those talking about slowdown a few have gone to jail — "jaise (like) Chidambaram-ji" — "aur baaki ke jo log jail mein hi rehte hain ek prakas se (the others in a way live in jail)."

Bharti also said Hindus and Hindutva can never be aggressive but aggression is a necessity in nationalism. "We can worship aggressive nationalism but not aggressive Hinduism," she said.

Cong distances itself from Digvijaya's 'saffron-clad' remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE CONGRESS on Thursday distanced itself from senior leader Digvijaya Singh's statement that some saffron-clad people were committing rapes by defaming Sanatan Dharma. Singh's remarks came after former BJP MP Chinmayanand was accused by a 23-year-old student of sexual assault.

The Congress hit out at the BJP, accusing its government in Uttar Pradesh of shielding Chinmayanand and questioning the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The party, however, said "criminals do not get affected by the kind of robes they don."

"We came to know about that comment from the media. We don't know in what context it was made, but the party holds the view that criminals do not get affected by the kind of robes they don. Criminals are criminals and they should be seen from that perspective only," AICC secretary in-charge of communication department Pranav Jha told the media.

The Congress had a year ago run an article titled "The Saffron-clad rapist" on its website. The article had a list of BJP leaders who, it said, have been accused of crimes against women. And Singh



Digvijaya Singh

on Thursday tweeted a link of that article hours before his party distanced itself from his remarks.

Addressing reporters with Jha, Congress spokesperson Sharmistha Mukherjee hit out at Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and women leaders of the BJP for their silence on the Chinmayanand issue. She said the government is talking about 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' on one hand and on the other, it is "busy protecting those committing crimes against women".

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took to Twitter to slam the UP government and police over the case, saying they were repeating the "negligence" shown and "protection" given to the accused in the Unnao rape case.

TN govt orders probe into admissions in 24 medical colleges

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE TAMIL Nadu government has ordered an inquiry into the admissions to 24 medical colleges in the state this year after a case of impersonation of a student appearing for the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Examination (NEET) exam came to light.

According to a senior police officer investigating the case, the student, who was attending classes at the Government Theni Medical College, was found with contradicting identity details in the college application and the NEET 2019 marks card.

"A further probe revealed that the student who actually appeared for the NEET exam was different from the student who got admitted for the course and attended classes, even though their names were same," the officer said.

"Certificate verification has now proved that the photo of the Theni Medical College student was different from the student who wrote the NEET exam. Preliminary probe shows that the student attending classes did not go through counselling too. We have started inquiries and there may be arrests soon," the officer said.

Dr R Narayana Babu, the Director of Medical Education (DME), told *The Indian Express* that a departmental inquiry has also been ordered into this issue. "Top officials of Theni medical college had come to Chennai today and briefed us about the case," Babu said.

According to Babu, the matter

came to light following an email complaint to the medical education authorities. "The complainant, who is not a medical student, sent an email saying that there is a first-year medical student attending classes in Theni Medical College impersonating another student. The complaint said there was a difference between the photos of the student in the NEET application and the student attending classes in Theni Medical College," he said.

Babu said only a police investigation will help expose the truth behind the impersonation. "We can only conduct an inquiry. We have launched a probe in all 24 medical colleges now. Our officials are rechecking admissions of each and every student, their photo, admit cards, hall tickets and certificates with their latest photos," he said.

A source in Theni Medical College said the initial inquiry is leading to a larger fraud in the entire admission process. "We have unverified information that the student who wrote the NEET exam was actually hired to write it for those who may not clear it on their own. Only a detailed probe by the police will reveal it," the source said.

Meanwhile, after the probe was ordered, the student who was attending classes submitted a letter, requesting to discontinue the course and citing "depression".

Promising that he will pay the discontinuation fee, the student's letter, addressed to the DME in Chennai, sought a discontinuation certificate citing "severe depression and due health and family issues".

MP: 6 held for running syndicate to honey trap politicians, officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 19

MADHYA PRADESH police have arrested five women and a man for allegedly running a syndicate to extort money from senior government officials and politicians after threatening to circulate their videos and photographs in compromising positions.

The racket came to light after an official of Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) filed an FIR in Palasia Police Station on Tuesday, alleging that a woman was trying to blackmail him and asked for money for not circulating his video clips.

The complainant alleged that Aarti Dayal, a resident of Minal Residency in Bhopal, was demanding Rs 3 crore over WhatsApp calls and messages. The complainant said he knew the woman for a few months, but she started blackmailing him only recently.

When Aarti, 29, came to collect the first instalment of Rs 50 lakh, police took her into custody along with Monika Yadav (18) and Omprakash Kori (45), who drove with her from Bhopal to Indore. Aarti told police that she ran an NGO. She also told the police that the same colony, introduced her to the IMC officer. Shweta, 39, has also been arrested. Police recovered Rs 14.17 lakh and several video clips from her home.

According to police, Aarti visited Indore with Monika and filmed a video. Monika, a resident of Raigarh, told the police that she had come to Bhopal a year ago to study. Another Shweta Jain, 48, who lived in a bungalow owned by a BJP MLA was arrested. The

legislator told the media that he rented out his house through a broker and was not aware of her credentials. Another woman, Barkha Soni, 34, was nabbed from her home in Kotra-Sultanabad.

The accused have been remanded in the custody of Indore Police for three days. Political circles are abuzz with rumours that senior politicians, bureaucrats and IPS officers had become victims of the syndicate.

Indore SSP Ruchi Vardhan Mishra said investigation was on to know if the syndicate was being run by someone other than those already in custody. Asked about the number of victims who might have fallen prey to it, the SSP said only one complainant has come forward so far. "We can't go on opening every video clip and documents on the laptops. If there are more victims, they should come forward," she said.

One of the women arrested was formerly associated with the Mahila Morcha of BJP. Home Minister Bala Bachchan said, "Police will not spare anyone. Every angle will be probed."

Pointing to the BJP link, Cabinet Minister Govind Singh said it reflected on the "BJP's character".

BJP spokesperson Rajneesh Agrasra said one of the accused may have been associated with the BJP in the past, but "more fingers are being pointed towards the ruling party". He said there should be a fair probe into the matter.

A senior bureaucrat was recently shunted out to another department after video clips showing him in a compromising position went viral. While no complaint had been registered in the case, it is now learnt that this syndicate could be involved.

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Manmohan a saintly man but robust on threats to India, considered action against Pak: Cameron

President appoints five judges for Karnataka, Calcutta HCs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

FORMER BRITISH prime minister David Cameron released his memoirs on Thursday, in which he speaks of getting on well with “saintly” former Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh, who even confided in him about the prospect of military action against Pakistan in case of another Mumbai-like terrorist attack.

‘For The Record’ is a chronicle of 52-year-old Cameron’s personal and professional life, specifically covering the period between 2010 and 2016 when he was in charge at Downing Street and had close interactions with both Singh, as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“I got on well with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. He was a saintly man, but he was robust on the threats India faced. On a later visit, he told me that another terrorist attack like that (2008) in Mumbai in July 2011, and India would have to take military action against Pakistan,” notes Cameron, as he recalls one of his many visits to India during his time in office.

“When it came to India, I argued that we needed a modern partnership — not one tinged with colonial guilt, but alive to the possibilities of the world’s oldest democracy and the world’s largest democracy. Many of Britain’s most successful business leaders and cultural figures are from the Indian diaspora community and would be our greatest weapons in the



David Cameron

endeavour,” he adds.

As part of a considerable focus on the India-UK relationship in his memoirs, the 52-year-old former Conservative Party politician is all praise for the two Indian leaders and relives hugging Modi on stage during his address at Wembley Stadium in November 2015.

He recalls: “Hot on [Chinese

President] Xi’s heels came the new Indian PM, Narendra Modi. There were several ‘moments’ including the largest ever gathering of the Indian diaspora in the UK at Wembley Stadium.”

On a more personal note, Cameron speaks fondly of travelling around Delhi in a ‘tuk tuk’ and walking through the slums of Mumbai in the pouring rain to visit a community project.

In particular, he delves in detail into his historic visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar during the “largest” UK trade mission he led to India in 2013 and became the first British prime minister to express regret for the Raj-era Jallianwala Bagh massacre at the site.

Cameron recalls: “For a long time, friends and colleagues in the British Indian community

had encouraged me to go to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. The holiest of Sikh sites had been the scene of a massacre in 1919, when British Indian Army soldiers fired upon a peaceful public meeting, killing hundreds of people.”

“Ahead of my visit there was an internal row about whether I should say ‘sorry’. But ultimately, I felt that expressing regret for what I described in the memorial’s book of condolence as a ‘deeply shameful event in British history’ was appropriate. I knew what it meant to British Sikhs that their prime minister made that gesture, and I’m glad I did so.”

Cameron resigned as prime minister in June 2016, a day after Britain voted to leave the European Union (EU).

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE PRESIDENT on Thursday appointed five High Court judges — four for the Karnataka High Court and one for the Calcutta High Court.

Advocates S R Krishna Kumar, Ashok Kinagi, Suraj Govindaraj and Sachin Magadum were appointed as judges in the Karnataka High Court and advocate Kausik Chanda in the Calcutta High Court.

The five appointments come at a time when vacancies in high courts have soared to an all-time high this year. According to data released by the Ministry of Law and Justice, as on September 1, the 25 high courts across the country had 414 vacancies against the sanctioned strength of 1,079 judges.

Other recommendations made by the Supreme Court Collegium to the same high courts along with these five appointees are pending.

On March 25, the Collegium recommended eight advocates for elevation from the nine names sent from the Karnataka High Court. While four of those have been appointed, the recommendations for Indrakumar Arun, Mohammed Ghouse, E Seetharamaiah Indires and Vishwajith Shetty are pending.

In December last year, the Calcutta High Court Collegium, headed by then Chief Justice Debashish Kar Gupta, sent names of nine advocates to the SC Collegium. However, it picked only five advocates — Jaytosh Majumdar, Amitesh Banerjee, Raja Basu Chowdhury, Lapita Banerji and Sakya Sen.

On January 10, the HC Collegium, headed by then Acting Chief Justice Biswanath Somadder, made two more recommendations — Additional Solicitor General Kausik Chanda and Ranajit Chatterjee.

However, on July 24, the SC Collegium in a separate resolution recommended Chanda for judgeship and remitted Chatterjee’s candidature to the HC since his average net professional income is below the prescribed income limit. All six names were recommended in two different resolutions on the same day.

While Chanda is an Additional Solicitor General appointed by the central government in 2015, Mazumdar, Banerjee and Sen are state government advocates, pleaders and standing counsels appointed by the West Bengal government.

With judges’ strength going up, SC adds two courtrooms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPT 19

WITH MORE judges set to join it, the Supreme Court has added two courtrooms to its existing infrastructure.

“It is hereby circulated for the information of all concerned that as per the

orders of the Hon’ble Chief Justice of India, two additional courtrooms have been created near the existing court no. 10 which have been numbered as court no. 16 and court no. 17,” an official circular said on Thursday.

The judges’ strength in the Supreme Court was recently increased from 31 to

34, necessitating the additional arrangement.

On Wednesday, the Union government cleared four new names recommended by the SC Collegium — Justices V Ramasubramanian, Krishna Murari, S Ravindra Bhat and Hrishikesh Roy.

They will be sworn in on September 23.

Misappropriation in KALIA scheme: BJP

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 19

THE ODISHA BJP on Thursday demanded an “impartial inquiry by an independent agency” into what it called was “misappropriation of Rs 170 crore” in KALIA Direct Benefit Transfers through payment of Rs 5,000 to 3.4 lakh ineligible beneficiaries.

Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation scheme (KALIA) states that all eligible farmers, who own 2.5-5 acres of agricultural land, will be provided Rs 10,000 per family as assistance for cultivation. Each eligible family has received Rs 5,000 for the previous agricultural season.

Odisha BJP leader Prithviraj Harichandan said, “We have raised concerns about ineligible beneficiaries from before the elections. When the government does not have the list of beneficiaries, how is it implementing the scheme?”

On Wednesday, Agriculture Minister Arun Sahoo had said, “There was a survey of who was eligible and ineligible, 12,000 large farmers have been identified, 9,000 payees turned out to be minors, 20,000 turned out to be government employees or pension holders. Overall, it (number of undeserving beneficiaries) will come to 3 lakh.”

This statement prompted questions from the BJP and Congress as to how so many ineligible beneficiaries crept in. Later, BJD spokesperson Pratap Deb clarified, “The number of 3.4 lakh beneficiaries is dispersed across four categories... So if you use the word ‘anyamita’ (ineligible) for beneficiaries, then this is the number (32,000).”

The state government released a statement. “Out of 51.05 lakh beneficiaries, only 32,000 have been found to be ineligible... That the ineligible beneficiaries are less than 1 per cent shows the robustness of the process followed in the scheme.”

Meanwhile, PTI quoted the deputy project scientist of NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO), John Keller, saying that its spacecraft has snapped a series of images during its flyby on September 17 of Vikram’s attempted landing site.

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Chandrayaan-2 orbiter module functioning normally: ISRO

Pune: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said on Thursday the orbiter module of the Chandrayaan-2 space mission was functioning normally and performing experiments as planned.

“A national-level committee, consisting of academicians and ISRO experts, are analysing the cause of communication loss with the lander,” ISRO said, in a brief statement on its website.

The Vikram lander had failed its attempt to make a soft-landing on the moon’s surface on September 7. ISRO has said the orbiter module has located the lander and taken thermal images of it.

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1	ST-23/ जाविउउख० /2019-20	Minimum essential works along with supply of 01 No. Double Roller Spherical Bearing SKF/ FAG 23972/CC/W33 for smooth operation of M/c No. 01 of Belka Power House	5.89	11800.00	590.00	10 Days
2	ST-24/ जाविउउख० /2019-20	Procurement of 12 KV lighting arrester and 12 KV Surge Protection Capacitor for LAVT duct of machine in Khara Power House	4.08	8200.00	590.00	6 to 8 weeks

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No 128-DRM-MB-19-20 closing date 15.10.2019 16:00 hrs. **Name of work:** REPAIR OF QUARTER FLOOR, PLASTER WORK REPLACEMENT OF ROOF AND SANITARY WORK OF LAT, BATH, AT BANTHRA, TILHAR, MIRANPUR KATRA, BILPUR, TISUA Gang quarter in the section if SSE/W/RAC under ADEN/Shahjahanpur. **Tender closing date/time:** 15.10.2019 16:00. **Cost of work Rs:** 2697428.90, **Earnest Money Rs:** 54000.00 **Tender Cost Rs:** 3000.00, **Bidding start date:** 01.10.2019 and **period of Completion:** 06 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.irops.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. **Tender No. 128-DRM-MB-19-20 Dated: 18.09.2019** 3012/19

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co)/ S.E.C.Railway, Nagpur acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tender for execution of work mentioned below -

1. Name of the work :- CTR (S) of loop lines 6.652 Km between Nagpur-Durg section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Track/Nagpur. **Tender Notice No. :-** C/26/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 1,53,74,865/- **Earnest Money :-** 2,26,900/- **Completion Period :-** 08 (Eight) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 5,000/-

2. Name of the work :- CTR (S) of loop lines 7.957 Km between Nagpur-Durg section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tumsar Road. **Tender Notice No. :-** C/27/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 1,83,91,130/- **Earnest Money :-** 2,42,000/- **Completion Period :-** 08 (Eight) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 5,000/-

3. Name of the work :- Hiring of Non A/C vehicle (01 Number) for a period of 24 Months for official movement of ADEN/Tumsar Road (TATA Sumo) or equivalent vehicle. **Tender Notice No. :-** C/28/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 4,31,100/- **Earnest Money :-** 8,600/- **Completion Period :-** 24 (Twenty Four) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 1,000/-

4.Name of the work :- Reconditioning of SEJs and Tongue Rails in Nagpur Division. **Tender Notice No. :-** C/29/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 16,44,883/- **Earnest Money :-** 32,900/- **Completion Period :-** 12 (Twelve)Months

5.Name of the work :- In Situ Reconditioning of CMS crossings using translamitic Robotic Welding technology in Nagpur Division of SEC Railway. **Tender Notice No. :-** C/30/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 51,17,612/- **Earnest Money :-** 1,02,400/- **Completion Period :-** 12 (Twelve) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 5,000/-

6.Name of the work :- CTR (S) of loop lines 10.543 Km between Nagpur-Durg section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Gondia. **Tender Notice No. :-** E/27/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 2,43,68,190/- **Earnest Money :-** 2,71,800/- **Completion Period :-** 12 (Twelve) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 10,000/-

7.Name of the work :- CTR (S) of loop lines 12.041 Km between Nagpur-Durg section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Dongargarh **Tender Notice No. :-** E/28/NGP/2019-20 **Approx tender value:-** 2,78,30,539/- **Earnest Money :-** 2,89,200/- **Completion Period :-** 12 (Twelve) Months **Tender Form Cost :-** 10,000/-

Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto 15.00 hrs. on 16.10.2019 only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be rejected. Details are available on our website : www.irops.gov.in.

Sr. DIVL. ENGINEER (Central)
AIM/26/139 **SECR/NAGPUR**
ई-बूंद नहीं बरलेहे तो बूंद को तरलेहे

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड निविदा सूचना इस कार्यालय के द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य/ सामग्री की आपूर्ति सम्पादन हेतु अनुभवी, दक्ष एवं जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निविदा वर्ष 2019-20 में आमंत्रित की जाती है जिसका विस्तृत विवरण टेंडर वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in site पर उपलब्ध है। अल्पकालीन निविदा संख्या- ईटी-116/ विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. डीसी सिकन्दरा- उमरी लाईन पर पेड़ों की कटाई से सम्बन्धित कार्य। अल्पकालीन निविदा संख्या- ईटी-117/ विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत डीजल चलित वाहन 09 माह के लिये संधिदा पर रखने का कार्य। निविदा संख्या- ईटी-118/ विद्युत 220 केवी. उपकेन्द्र पनकी पर टर्मिनल कनेक्टर की आपूर्ति। निविदा संख्या- ईटी-119/ विद्युत प्रेषण मण्डल प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र रसूलबाद पर सप्प हाउस में मोनोब्लक पम्प एवं पाइप लगाने का कार्य। निविदा संख्या- ईटी-120/ विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 220/33 के.वी. जी.आई.एस. सबस्टेशन फूलबाग पर साइन बोर्ड लगाने आदि का कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या- टी-121/ विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दरा पर 40 एम.वी.ए. परिवर्तक के 132/33 के.वी. परिवर्तक वे के निर्माण का कार्य। ई-निविदा संख्या- टी-122/ विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र पनकी पर वार्षिक सामान्य अनुरक्षण का कार्य। अल्पकालीन निविदा संख्या- ईटी-116 एवं 117 दिनांक 05.10.2019 को खोली जायेगी एवं निविदा सं. 118 से 122 तक दिनांक 15.10.2019 को खोली जायेगी। हस्ता./- अधीक्षक अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, प्रथम पनकी, कानपुर “राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये” उपभोक्ता सेवा हेतु सम्पर्क करें- www.etender.up.nic.in GSTIN- 09AAACU8823E1Z9 पत्रांक- 801/ वि.प्र.म.प. (का.)/ टी.- 1 दिनांक 19.09.2019

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.
Phone : 28191890 / 28190259; Fax: 044 –28190636
E-Mail:equipment.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

1. The Government of Tamilnadu has received a Financing (Loan No. IN8499) from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.

2. The due date for the tender is extended as follows:

S. N	Description	IFB No	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1.	Modular Operation Theatre (1)	RSP1/NCB/ TNRSP-II/ TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 03.10.19	04.10.19, 11.00 AM	04.10.19, 12.00 PM
2.	Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)	RSP2/NCB/ TNRSP-II/ TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 03.10.19	04.10.19, 03.00 PM	04.10.19, 04.00 PM

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.com
DIPR/3285/Tender/2019 **General Manager (E)**

Government of Maharashtra
Department of Agriculture
Nanaji Deshmukh Krushi Sanjivani Prkalp
30 Arcade, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400 005
Telephone No. :- 022-22163351
E-Mail :- procurement.pmu@mahapocra.gov.in

No.NDKSP/1118/CR159/Procurement/2019 Date : 19.09.2019

Notice for Request for Expression of Interest

THE Government of Maharashtra has approved Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture (PoCRA) (Nanaji Deshmukh Kruhsi Sanjivani Prkalp) for selected districts in Maharashtra. The Project Management Unit situated at Mumbai, calls Expression of Interest for :

1) **Consultancy Services for Internal Audit for PoCRA and**
2) **Consultancy Services for Post Procurement Review of PoCRA.**

The proposal of Expression of Interest are to be submitted online through the e-tendering portal www.mahatenders.gov.in only.

The details of Request for Expression of Interest and schedule for submission is available on e-tendering portal www.mahatenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
Project Director

DGIPR/2019-2020/3178

TAMIL NADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
L.L.A. Building, II Floor, 735, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Ref.No.	Name of the work	Value (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Due Date
28/2019-20	Transportation of Dry Fly Ash through Bulk Tankers from NLC to New 1 MTPA Plant, Ariviyar, Cement Works	9.10 Crore	9.00 Lakhs	18/10/2019

A pre - bid meeting will be held on 30.09.2019 , 3.00 PM at TANCEN, Corporate Office, No. 735, L.L.A. Building, II Floor, Anna Salai, Chennai - 2.

Important Note : The details are available in www.tenders.gov.in. Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

DIPR/3281/TENDER/2019 **MANAGER (TECHNICAL)**

JHARKHAND COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED
(A SPV under DoIT & e-Gov, Govt. of Jharkhand)
Registered Office: H/No. – 347, Project Building 3rd Floor, HEC Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.
CIN: U74999JH2017SC000474
Contact: 0651-2446147

Corrigendum -1
(Tender Ref.: JCNI- 10/2019)

The Corrigendum-1 for the tender (Tender Ref.: JCNI-10/2019) on published RFP for “Selection of Agency for Set up of Block Infrastructure for BharatNet Phase-II Project”, has been published on Govt. official site at jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

The advertisement PR No. is- 216145.
Sd/-
CEO
Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd., Ranchi, Jharkhand
PR 217349 (Information Technology) 19-20 (D)

Office of Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, P.W.D. Moradabad
E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders (SHORT TERM)

No. 4952/Nivida-Moradabad/19-20 Date: 09.09.2019

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from registered contractors from 21.09.2019 at 10.00 am to 27.09.2019 at 05.00 P.M. Technical bid /Prequalification of tender shall be opened on 28.09.2019 at 12:00 noon in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial Bid of the tenders/who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

2.

Sl. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (with Bitumen Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Time of Completion of the work (including rainy season)	Cost of Tender documents including GST (RS.)	Category of Road Contractor eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Amroha	Supply of Furniture in District Amroha Court and Outline Court	54.00	4.70	1 Month	2354.00	'A' 'B' & 'C' Building category

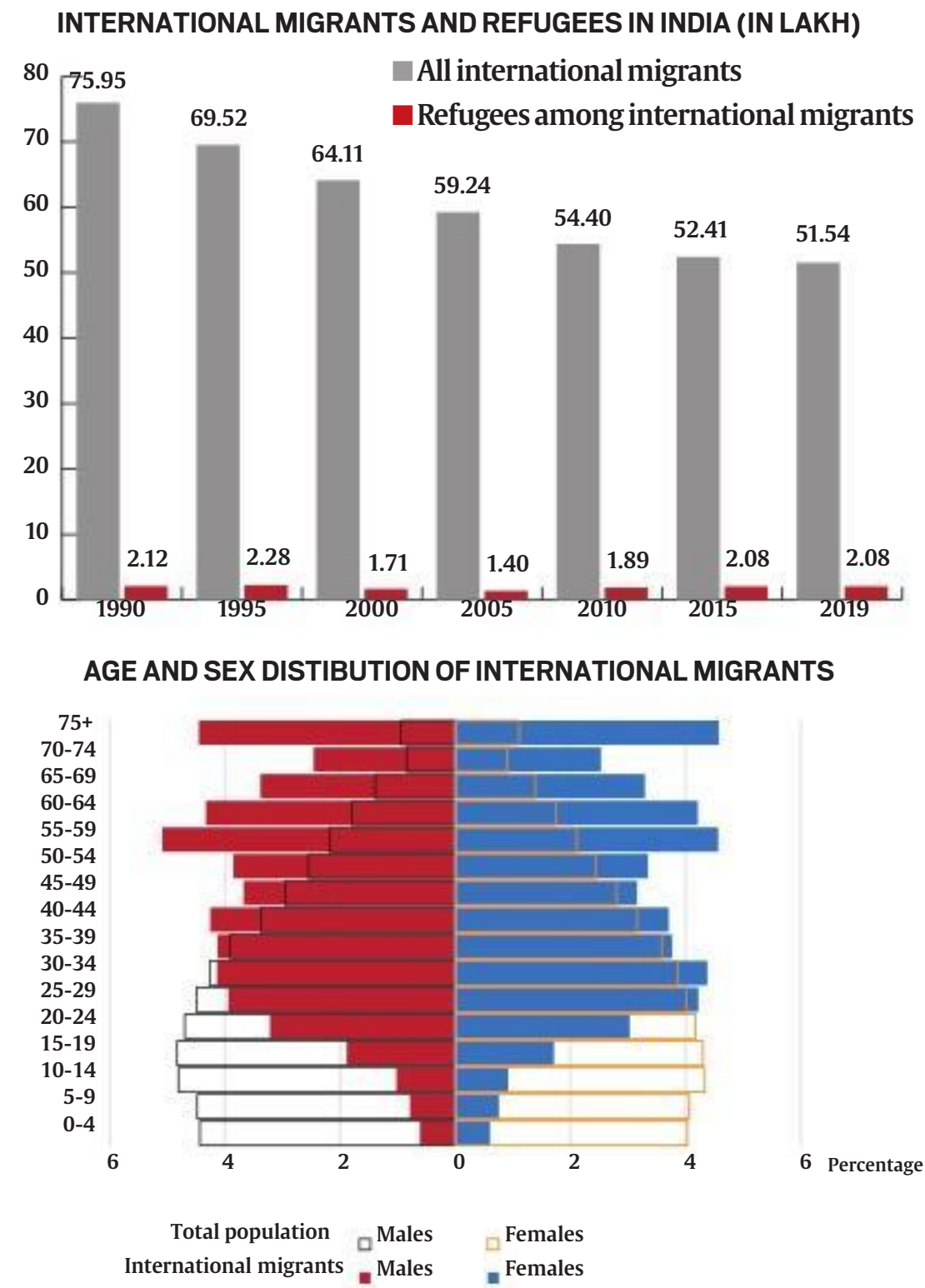
Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer Moradabad Circle, PWD, Moradabad. Ph. 0591-2414619

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TELLING NUMBERS

International migrant count slopes downward in India



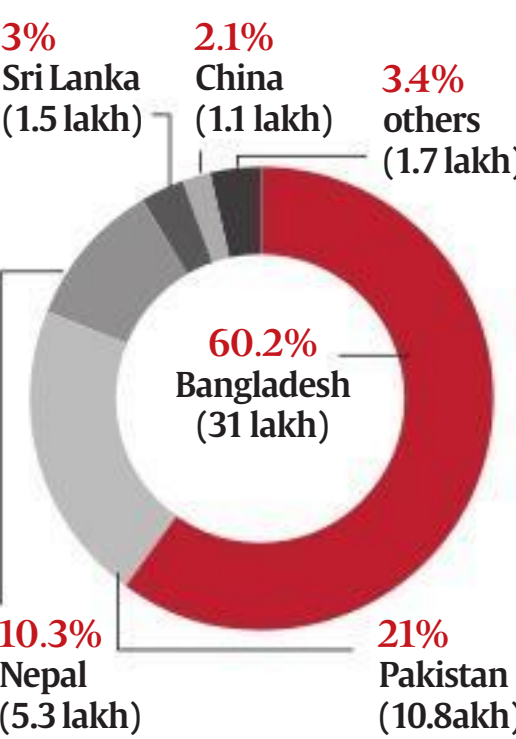
ON WEDNESDAY, the UN Population Division released the dataset International Migrant Stock 2019. While the size of the Indian diaspora in other countries was reported in *The Indian Express* on Thursday, the exhaustive dataset also showed striking trends in international migration into India. The number has been consistently going down in the last three decades; from 75.9 lakh in 1990, the international migrant population is 51.5 lakh in 2019, the dataset showed.

The United Nations said in a statement that these estimates were based on official national statistics of foreign populations gathered from censuses. “These numbers reflect any person who is moving or has moved across an international border, regardless of citizenship status or motive — meaning the data encompass people who have moved either intentionally or involuntarily,” it said.

The 51,54,737 international migrants in 2019 represent just 0.4 per cent of the total population of India. In contrast, the international migrant population across all countries is 27.2 crore, who represent 3.5 per cent of the total global population. Of these 27.2 crore, 1.75 crore are Indian migrants living in various countries.

Of the international migrants in India in 2019, the country of origin for 31 lakh — or just over 60 per cent — was Bangladesh. Another 21 per cent were originally from Pakistan and 10

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS IN INDIA, 2019, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



Source: All graphics based on data from International Migrant Stock 2019, UN

per cent from Nepal.

The proportion of refugees among the international migrants has varied over the years. While the actual count is down from 2.12 lakh in 1990 to 2.08 lakh in 2019, their proportion among all international migrants has increased, from 2.8 per cent in 1990 to 4 per cent in 2019.

The proportion of women among international migrants in India, at 48.8 per cent, is higher than the 47.9 per cent proportion of women among international migrants across countries.

AMITABH SINHA

PUNE, SEPTEMBER 19

UN SECRETARY General António Guterres has convened a special Climate Action Summit on Monday, at the start of the annual General Assembly session, in a bid to nudge countries to do more to fight climate change. He has told world leaders to come with ‘concrete’ and ‘realistic’ proposals to enhance the actions that they are already taking.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among several leaders due to attend the Secretary-General’s meeting, India has already said it was in no position to upgrade its climate action plan. Instead, it has reminded the developed world that they have been woefully short of fulfilling their obligation of providing money and technology to developing countries to help them deal with the impacts of climate change.

Why a special summit?

This is not the first time that a special meeting on climate change is taking place on the sidelines of the General Assembly session. A similar meeting happened last year. But this year, the meeting has a bigger profile, with close to 60 heads of state or government, including France’s President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, likely to attend.

But what makes this meeting different from earlier efforts is the intention of the Secretary-General not to let this become another talk shop. Bring concrete plans, not speeches, Guterres is reported to have told the world leaders in a letter inviting them for the meeting. More specifically, he has asked countries to bring their action plans in line with the objective of reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent by 2030, and to “net zero” by 2050. In addition, he has also identified nine areas in which he would like the countries to do more.

What are the climate action plans he is talking about?

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, every signatory nation is supposed to finalise and submit a set of time-bound actions that it would take to combat climate change. The first set of action plans, called nationally determined contributions or NDCs, was submitted in 2015. The Paris Agreement also says that the NDCs should be updated every five years, with each subsequent NDC being stronger and more ambitious than the previous one.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

On UNGA side, a climate meet

PM will attend Monday’s high-profile special summit aimed at identifying concrete and urgent solutions, but India has said it is already doing its best — UN Secy Gen’s new asks should be for developed nations



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, 16, at a demonstration at the US Supreme Court Thursday. She has taken part and is set to take part in a series of events, including speaking in US Congress, a climate strike, and the UN Climate Action Summit. *Reuters*

As per the five-year cycle, countries have to submit their second NDCs by next year. But the Secretary-General is asking the countries to make specific additional commitments at Monday’s meeting. In addition, he has also appealed to the countries to promise not to set up any new coal plants after 2020, stop subsidies on fossil fuels, and levy additional taxes on polluters. Importantly, he has asked all countries to commit to net zero emissions by 2050.

Why has India refused?

India has said its NDC already represents its “best effort”, keeping in mind its development imperatives. In a discussion paper released earlier this week, the government said the “new asks” from the Secretary-General, “in particular net zero emissions, mean a sweeping change across the entire economy”. It has said this target should be kept only for developed countries.

“This can be a global aspirational goal and developed countries must be on track to take measures and legislate for net zero emissions by 2050. But it cannot be a goal for developing countries as the technologies have not progressed and aren’t all available yet for developing countries. And the past performance on both finance and technology front is just not reassuring for them,” it has said.

In the discussion paper, India has repeat-

edly called out the developed world for their failure to provide adequate finance and technology to developing countries. It has pointed out that the finance needs specified by the developing countries in their NDCs in 2015 adds up to \$4.4 trillion. India alone requires \$206 billion by 2030 to implement only the adaptation programmes in agriculture, forestry, water resources, and infrastructure. The total cost of carrying out all the promised actions in the NDCs would cost \$2.5 trillion by 2030.

What the developed countries have made available is meagre in comparison. Developed countries have promised to mobilise at least \$100 billion every year from 2020 for the developing countries. But even on that count, they are way behind the target as of now.

“As per latest data available of Climate Funds Update, the actual pledges from developed to developing countries for climate finance is around only \$30 billion, whereas deposits and approval are around \$26 billion and \$19 billion respectively,” India has said.

It has said any call for climate actions at this stage “should should set in motion a serious discourse on climate finance required to take climate actions effectively”.

India has said while it will continue to “do its best” on climate actions, it would not commit to any long-term goal, like a net-zero emission target for 2050, at this stage. Under

the Paris Agreement, countries are supposed to undertake a stock-take of their actions in 2023 to see whether these were in line with the objective of keeping the global rise in temperature to below 2°C from the pre-industrial times.

“Given this, India will be better placed to consider a mid-term assessment of its actions and suitably recalibrate through re-examination and improvement when the global stock-take takes place in 2023. For the present, India may only be in a position to elaborate or clarify its post 2020 climate actions already pledged in its NDC,” it has said.

So, what is expected to come out of Monday’s meeting then?

A new UN report just ahead of Monday’s meeting says at least 112 countries had expressed their intent to revise their NDCs, with 75 of them promising to enhance its ambition. The other 37 have proposed to bring more data and information in their NDCs. In addition, at least 53 countries had said they were working to finalise long-term strategies, like a net-zero goal by 2050. Only 14 countries, together accounting for 26 per cent of global emissions, had categorically said they would not revise their NDCs.

Many countries are likely to make these announcements at Monday’s meeting.

How a 65-year-old maths problem was solved

An algorithm, a supercomputer, 2 mathematicians, unused power from 5 lakh home PCs: for ‘fun and philosophy’

KABIR FIRAQUE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

TAKE THE number 9. It can be expressed as the sum of 0, 1 and 8, which are respectively the cubes of 0, 1 and 2. Or take 17, which is 1 + 8 + 8, or the sum of the cubes of 1, 2 and 2. How many other numbers from 1 to 100 can be expressed as the sum of the cubes of three integers (whole numbers, positive or negative)?

This is a puzzle with its roots in 1954-55, when it was described by University of Cambridge mathematicians. It is not as easy as it may look. While 9 and 17 provide solutions with positive cubes, some numbers require negatives. For example, 11 is 27 – 8 – 8, which can be expressed as (– 8) + (– 8) + 27, or the sum of the cubes of – 2, – 2, and 3. Other numbers can be much trickier, requiring large cubes that include negatives. Such as 51, which is the sum of the cubes of – 796, 602 and 659,

or (– 504,358,336) + 218,167,208 + 286,191,179.

As it turns out, not every number has a solution. During their search for solutions, mathematicians have deduced a rule showing that certain numbers cannot be expressed as the sum of three cubes. For the numbers that do not come under this rule, they kept looking for solutions, and found them one by one.

Just two solutions were proving elusive — for 33 and 42. In March this year, a solution was finally found for 33. This month, the same mathematician teamed up with another to find a solution for 42, putting the problem finally to rest.

The point of it all, if any

Why should it matter whether we can or cannot express a certain number as the sum of three cubes? “Mostly it’s just a bit of fun,” said Andrew Booker of the University of Bristol, the mathematician who worked on the solutions for both 33 and 42. “More seri-

ously,” Booker added in his email to *The Indian Express*, “as number theorists, our interest in this sort of problem borders on philosophical, along the lines of ‘Is it even possible to solve this problem?’”

There are many mathematical problems that are easy to state but hard to solve; it has also been discovered that there are problems that are actually impossible to solve.

In March, the journal *Research in Number Theory* published Booker’s solution for 33 as the sum of three cubes, which he had found using a computer algorithm. Now, Booker and another mathematician, Andrew Sutherland of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have used the same algorithm to solve for 42.

Tough search and discovery

Some numbers can be expressed as the sum of three cubes in more than one way. For example, 10 is 1 + 1 + 8 (the cubes of 1, 1 and 2) and also 64 – 27 – 27 (the cubes of 4, – 3, – 3).

For any integer, there is a conjectural formula for the average density of the solutions, Booker said. “For 33 and 42 that density is particularly low,” he said.

Booker spent weeks on a supercomputer before he found an answer for 33. For 42, Booker and Sutherland used Charity Engine, a crowdsourced platform that harnesses unused computing power from over 500,000 home PCs. It needed over a million hours of pooled computing, which translated into much less in real time. “We had some teething problems with getting the code up and running on their network, but once we got going it took less than a week to find the solution,” Booker said.

The number 42 is the sum of the cubes of (i) 12,602,123,297,335,631; (ii) 80,435,758,145,817,515; and (iii) minus 80,538,738,812,075,974. And 33 is the sum of the cubes of (i) 8,866,128,975,287,528; (ii) minus 8,778,405,442,862,239; and (iii) minus 2,736,111,468,807,040.

Brick by brick, how a municipality, govt, builders created a crisis in Kochi

SHAJU PHILIP

KOCHI, SEPTEMBER 19

ON MONDAY, Kerala’s Maradu municipality will report to the Supreme Court on its compliance with the court’s order, passed on May 8, to demolish four posh apartment complexes that have come up close to the backwaters of Kochi in violation of Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) rules.

But around 350 families who live in the apartments have refused to leave, giving up their homes and investments that are estimated to add up to Rs 350 crore.

Flats, builders, residents

The apartments are on the banks of canals that are part of the network of backwaters in Kochi’s highly developed Maradu suburb. The Jain Coral Cove complex was built by Jain Housing and Constructions; the twin towers of Holy Faith H2O by Holy Faith Builders; the Golden Kayaloram complex by K P Varkey and V S Builders; and Alfa Serene by Alfa Ventures. Together, these complexes

have 343 dwelling units. Residents include filmmakers, businessmen, professionals, as well as elderly retirees. Members of this roughly 1,500-strong community have been living in the apartments for up to eight years.

2005-07: Early problems

In 2005-06, the then CPM-controlled Maradu panchayat (it became a municipality in 2010) issued five permits to build apartment complexes. No construction took place on one of these permits.

As per directives issued by the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA) and the state Science and Technology Department in 2005, self-government bodies were required to obtain the Authority’s clearance for construction in coastal areas. However, then Maradu panchayat secretary M Asharaf failed to forward the applications for the permits to KCZMA for CRZ clearance.

The vigilance wing of the Town Planning Department subsequently stumbled upon anomalies in 31 building permits, including the ones issued to the real estate devel-

opers. The state’s Local Self Government Department asked for the revocation of the permits and, in May 2007, the Maradu panchayat issued notices to all the builders.

Case in the High Court

After all four builders moved the Kerala High Court against the Maradu panchayat notices, a Single Judge Bench issued an interim order staying all action by the panchayat, including existing ‘stop’ memos issued to the builders. The interim order gave the panchayat liberty to issue fresh ‘stop’ memos that would be legally tenable — however, neither the Maradu local body nor the KCZMA did anything.

The builders grabbed this opportunity to complete the construction, and then moved court to have the buildings numbered by the local body. Apartments started selling, their buyers confident that all issues would be sorted out ultimately.

In 2013, when the flats were already occupied, Maradu municipality appealed the 2007 Single Bench order, alleging anomalies in the building permits, including violations

of CRZ norms. The KCZMA joined the case.

But the Division Bench gave them no relief, and instead blasted the municipality and its secretary. In its June 2, 2015 order, the court said that if the local authority had failed to comply with the KCZMA’s directives on the local authority’s obligations while processing applications for the permits, the permit-holders couldn’t be held responsible.

“We must record our anguish about the manner in which the Maradu municipality and its secretary had conducted themselves. They were merely issuing permits and allowing the builders to proceed with the constructions. After substantial progress was made, the municipality had become suddenly wiser on receipt of a letter from the government. Therefore, this is a situation which has been created by the municipality itself and the entire blame for this should be accepted by them,” the Division Bench said.

Appeal in Supreme Court

In 2016, the KCZMA moved a special leave petition in the Supreme Court against the Maradu municipality. It said that the

area is part of a tidally influenced water body, a critically vulnerable coastal area where construction is strictly restricted, and that the permissions were given in violation of statutory provisions.

The Supreme Court, after hearing KCZMA and Maradu municipality, said no finding had been recorded either by the Single Bench or the Division Bench on whether the area was in CRZ Category-III, II, or I. On November 27 last year, the court formed a three-member committee to ascertain whether the areas where the buildings stood were in CRZ-III or in other categories. The only question was whether the area falls in CRZ-III, the court said.

The committee, comprising a government Secretary, the Ernakulam district collector, and the Maradu municipality secretary, said in its report that the currently applicable Kerala Coastal Zone Management Plan was approved in 1996, in which Marad was a panchayat area, and hence in CRZ-III category. But since the panchayat was upgraded to a municipality in 2010, the area was shown in CRZ-II category

in the draft CZMP prepared as per the CRZ Notification 2011, and submitted to the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests. Until the government approves the CZMP draft, the CZMP of 1996 would remain valid.

What builders say

According to the builders, as Maradu municipality falls under CRZ-II as per the CZMP approved earlier this year, the buildings are in compliance with CRZ norms as of today. They have said that Marad panchayat had passed resolutions thrice before 2010 against CRZ-III categorisation, and had asked the Authority for a correction.

The builders had banked on earlier verdicts related to CRZ violations, in which the courts had generally favoured them. In 2003, while considering a petition against Lakeshore Hospital on the banks of a canal in Maradu, the High Court had said it was “at a loss to understand how this rule (CRZ) could be pressed into service”. The government, too, had told the court that the CZMP had been incorrectly prepared, and that a fresh one would be issued.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

TAXING TIMES

Sluggish tax collections are likely to upset spending plans. Government needs to explore other ways to shore up revenues

A SLOWING ECONOMY has taken its toll on the government's tax revenues. Advance tax collections have grown by a mere 6 per cent between April to mid-September this year, as against a growth of 18 per cent over the same period last year. Within direct taxes, corporate tax collections have grown by just 6.5 per cent over the period, while personal income taxes have grown by a mere 3.5 per cent over this period, lower than even the nominal GDP growth of 8 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20. With direct tax collections now having to more than double over the next six-odd months to meet the budgeted target of Rs 13.35 lakh crore, a slowing economy will exacerbate the situation: The Centre will find it difficult to meet the fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of the GDP this year.

There is concern on the indirect tax side too. A slowdown in consumption — private consumption grew by just 3.1 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20 down from 7.2 per cent in the previous quarter — will further drag down the goods and services tax (GST) collections. By some estimates, the required monthly run-rate for GST collections has already jumped to around Rs 1.18 lakh crore per month for the rest of 2020. Achieving this, with consumption sputtering, will be challenging. But it isn't just the Centre alone. State finances will also be under pressure this year. First, subdued tax revenues mean that the divisible tax pool, 42 per cent of which is shared with states, will be lower than what has been budgeted for, reducing tax devolution to states. Second, last year, devolution to states was carried out on the basis of the revised revenue estimates of 2018-19 presented in the Budget. But actual tax collections, as per the Controller General of Accounts, were significantly lower. This implies that devolution to states last year may have been higher than what was required. It is possible that this adjustment is being undertaken in the current financial year which will further reduce tax devolution. Then, there are also concerns that revenue collected through the compensation cess may not be enough to compensate states this year.

Part of the shortfall in the Centre's tax revenue this year will be made up by the RBI transferring Rs 58,000 crore more than what was budgeted for. But this alone may not be enough. One option before the Centre is to ramp up its stake sales in PSUs. While the government has budgeted to collect Rs 1.05 lakh crore through disinvestment this year, it could opt for a more aggressive disinvestment/privatisation programme to alleviate fiscal concerns, while generating resources to ramp up its capital expenditure.

VAPOURISED

Ban on e-cigarettes smacks of hypocrisy and an arbitrary exercise of executive authority

SMOKING IS INJURIOUS to health, and the use of tobacco products has been linked to a host of diseases, including various cancers and cardiovascular ailments. According to WHO, tobacco causes over 10 million deaths annually in India. In the US, the figure stands at 4,80,000. "Vaping", or the use of e-cigarettes (called ENDS or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems), has resulted so far in seven confirmed deaths in the US. Cigarettes, chewing tobacco and related products continue to be legal in India, and through being heavily taxed as well as via the government's stake in domestic tobacco giants, significantly add to the earnings of the exchequer. However, on Wednesday, the Union government announced an ordinance banning ENDS. In terms of first principles as well the purported concern for citizens' health, the ban on e-cigarettes smacks of hypocrisy and an arbitrary exercise of executive authority.

The Promulgation of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Ordinance provides for imprisonment of up to one year and/or fines up to Rs 1 lakh for the first offence, imprisonment of up to three years and a fine up to Rs 5 lakh for a subsequent offence. Those possessing ENDS must suo motu turn them over at the local police station, else face the harsh consequences of the executive decree. Meanwhile, the tobacco industry has welcomed the move and share prices of ITC and VST Industries registered a sharp increase in the wake of the ban. In the worst-case scenario, vaping will be as bad as smoking. And like cigarettes, ENDS must be regulated, come with health warnings, not be sold to minors, etc. Like other "sin goods", they can be taxed to the point of disincentivising their use. By banning ENDS and maintaining the status quo on tobacco products, the government is in danger of giving the impression that it is protecting the tobacco industry's interests against a disruptor in that market.

The e-cigarette ban is a symptom of a larger malaise — governing by the brute force of a hammer when the subtlety of a scalpel is required. "Vaping" is as much a social and cultural phenomenon as it is a public health issue. For older smokers, it can offer a path to quitting and for the youth, it can be aspirational. That the Centre has refused even to engage with this aspect, and, instead moved to push vaping underground by banning it shows laziness in engaging with a complex problem. Prohibition does not work. A conversation about the reasons for addiction just might.

PULP HORROR

Shyam Ramsay, who headed up the Ramsay Brothers, bows out of a world that is stranger than any potboiler

JUST A YEAR after the world discovered moving pictures, and audiences flung themselves out of the way of the Lumière brothers' train, it discovered horror in George Melies' *The House of the Devil* (1896). About 90 years later, the genre came to Indian audiences through the goregrinding work of the Ramsay Brothers. The death of Shyam Ramsay, who headlined the productions of the seven Ramsay brothers, brings down the curtain on that era, when audiences thrilled to horror that was anything but sophisticated and thought-provoking.

The Ramsays did cheap and wholly satisfying productions focused on gore, tears, adrenaline and other bodily fluids. They were following the great tradition of pulp horror, which was one of the mainstays of Hollywood from the time of Lon Chaney. Its thread leans towards Cthulhu, zombie apocalypse and House of Wax, and diverges from the rather more cerebral line of *Nosferatu* and *Frankenstein*. Pure entertainment, it does not tax the little grey cells and was the rage for decades in American cinema before the Ramsay Brothers got in on the act.

It is believed that horror flourishes in good times, when people enjoy being reminded of the dark side. But humanity's appetite for the macabre is actually a reflection of reality. One of the pictures running to full houses in Delhi during the 1984 "riots" was James Cameron's debut *Piranha II: Flying Killers* (tagline: "Now they can fly!"). Ramsay films like *Do Gaz Zameen ke Neeche* and *Darwaza* appeared in the Seventies, when India had its first brush with autocracy. American audiences during the Cold War had sublimated fears of invasion by embracing *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. And now that reality everywhere is outstripping cinema for bizarre creativity, a new wave of horror may be imminent. The Ramsays, who started it all, will be missed.



SOWMYA DECHAMMA

UNLIKE IN THE past when the Hindi Divas would go by rather uneventfully, the day got special attention this year. Tweeting in Hindi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said: "Today, if one language can do the work of uniting the country, then it is the most spoken language, Hindi. There is so much influence of English on us that we cannot talk in Hindi without its help." The minister also said that people should realise that if languages are lost to foreign influence, "we will be severed from our culture".

Do we then assume that after 72 years of independence, the country is not united enough? What is it that divides India that the country needs a unifying factor that can only be a language? And does that language have to be Hindi?

For a country that often ascribes all its ills to colonialism, it is strange that India needs to subscribe to a very European notion — one country, one language. The idea that a language represents a nation is one of colonialism's gifts to us. The complex process of modern nation building in colonial countries involved questions of cultural unity. How could a country claim historical and cultural continuity, stretching back to centuries, other than through language, especially its written form? Language and literature held the key to this project of cultural continuity from a unique and great past. Almost all European nations had such projects, which they bequeathed to the nations they colonised. Despite having several languages and dialectal differences, European nations adopted their national languages through an elitist and exclusionary project. Today, this idea of linguistic unity is being contested from several quarters, including by immigrants from India. There are, of course, exceptions like Switzerland which has been a relatively stable country for long without ever having a single national language.

It is ironic that our animosity towards English makes us blind to the fact that English gave us the idea of a singular nation: One nation, one language. At no time in the history of the Subcontinent was there a need to showcase national unity through one lan-

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To quote Shah again: "To preserve our ancient philosophy, our culture and the memory of our freedom struggle, it's important that we strengthen our local languages and that there is at least one language, Hindi, that the nation knows." What is our ancient philosophy and culture is matter for another debate. But is Hindi the carrier of such a history?

What exactly is "Hindi"? Modern standard Hindi evolved from the interaction of early speakers of Khari Boli with speakers of different languages from the northern part of the Subcontinent and elsewhere. Although the current push is for a standardised and Sanskritised Hindi, spoken Hindi has largely been influenced by Persian — and then English, among other languages. The history of Hindi is much more recent than many languages of India, say Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, and so on.

Why does such a recent and diverse history become so important today? What is so threatening about English? Is this only a sense of culture, a belonging, or does it also denote certain socio-economic and political asymmetries? Hindi, in relation to English, does denote several asymmetries. But then, so does Hindi in relation to more than 780 other Indian languages, especially a Sanskritised Hindi that cannot, and probably will not, get rid of its associations with caste. That is why most marginalised castes and indigenous communities of India prefer English, a language devoid of caste memory and a language that provides mobility.

While diversity is in itself important, we need to also talk about the knowledge sys-

tems that are steeped in every spoken language — one that has its own history, literature (oral or written), relationship with the local economy, with people's lives, the way they understand the world around them and the relationships with other languages around them. As American linguist, Nancy Dorian writes: "A good many people, especially those who speak unthreatened languages, are likely to have trouble imagining that they themselves could ever be brought to the point of giving up on their own ancestral language and encouraging their children to use some other language instead".

A multitude of languages means resistance, empowerment, many life-worlds, many knowledge systems and mobility. That is why all totalitarian regimes seek to erase such multitudes. Forget resistance, how can people speak in another tongue as fluently as a native speaker whose language also happens to be the national language? The first step towards autocracy is erasure of tongues, erasure of speech.

If English, as the cultural studies scholar Madhava Prasad argues, is a bane for a modern democracy — since a majority of Indians do not have access to it — can Hindi be a boon for democracy? Given the present government's policies — on education, language, pretty much everything — it is difficult to find democratic intent in its promotion of Hindi.

Tony Joseph, drawing from recent work in genetics, archaeology, and linguistics, points to how the Harappan Civilisation precedes the Sanskrit/Vedic culture. This means Sanskrit was never the language of Harappan Civilisation. There are pointers towards the undeciphered language of the Harappan Civilisation as being proto-Dravidian. Do we then declare the Dravidian language group — or one Dravidian language — as the national language? I vote for my language, Kodava.

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FORGING TRADE ALLIANCES

Joining RCEP should be seen as an extension of New Delhi's Look East policy



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THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE Economic Partnership (RCEP) aims to bring the 10 countries of ASEAN with Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, India, China and Japan to create the world's largest trading block. If it comes into being, RCEP will constitute more than 40 per cent of the global population and almost half of world's economy. It consists of three of the six largest economies of the world, especially, the two fastest growing large economies — India and China. Out of the top 16 countries with the largest GDP, six belong to the proposed RCEP.

There is a huge debate in India over joining RCEP. India's allies in Southeast Asia, as well as Australia, want India to join it to balance China. On the other hand, many in India feel that RCEP will aggravate India's burgeoning trade deficit with China. The Indian industry feels that China does not provide a level playing field for items that they could export, especially in fields like pharmaceuticals, information technology, films, indigenous medicines, wellness and yoga. Some of these are founded on opacity that surrounds the Chinese government's decision making.

There is a tendency in Indian industry to seek protection, whenever any steps towards globalisation are taken. The "Bombay Club" long used for protectionism, protested when liberalisation was introduced and tried to prevent imports for as long as they could. However, it is an acknowledged fact that globalisation did benefit the Indian economy, it brought in newer technology and made

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Indian industry far more competitive. RCEP does provide Indian industry a huge market to grow and expand, provided it transforms and the government frees it from bureaucratic controls that have been stifling growth.

There is a tendency amongst many in India to undermine the entrepreneurial skills of Indians. When import access was given to Chinese goods, it did not eliminate Indian industry. Of course, some industries which are uneconomical, have not modernised and imbibed new technologies will fall by the way side. More significantly, opening up markets and reducing tariffs will benefit consumers. The automobile, telecom and even IT boom would not have been feasible without liberalisation. Similarly, the recent spurt in solar power generation is directly a result of the availability of cheap imported solar films.

The apprehensions about China's non-tariff barriers are not unfounded. But, China's track record shows that it has scrupulously followed multilateral arrangements. By entering RCEP, India may be able to get greater market access to even China as it is vulnerable due to its ongoing trade war with the US. More significantly, with China facing the demographic crunch, India could easily edge it out, if we go for economies of scale, made feasible by a large trading block like RCEP.

India's presence in this trading block could lead to a large number of multinational shifts their production facilities from China to India, as that would enable them to access Chinese markets, without being pres-

ent there, to comply with US sanctions. This could also bring in huge investments from many companies in the West.

With the Trans-Pacific Partnership having unraveled, it is quite feasible that a post-Trump US administration may join RCEP if it takes off. More significantly, RCEP is nothing but a natural follow up of India's Act East policy. India's main strength lies in the services sector and it must therefore, ensure that RCEP includes unbridled access for Indian service providers as well as a liberalised visa regime for people working in these fields. Similarly, protection will need to be ensured for some sensitive industries crucial for national security. Some temporary protection may be required for certain sectors of agriculture, crucial for food security. RCEP is one sure shot way of forcing China to provide a level playing field. India has the largest arable land and one of the largest pool of scientists, engineers, technicians, so there is no reason for India to be concerned.

This is also one way of controlling China and keeping it in check. In a big grouping like this, China is unlikely to have its way, nor is it going to antagonise everyone. India's absence from RCEP will virtually handover this significant grouping to China, which is certainly not in India's interest. RCEP is a huge opportunity which India should not miss.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

CONGRESS EXODUS

AN EXODUS FROM the Congress has begun in West Bengal, mainly in protest against the Bangalore AICC resolution accepting the leadership of Charan Singh and suggesting an electoral alliance with the CPM. While the North Calcutta District Committee led by Prafulla Kanti Ghosh has en bloc joined Congress (I), a large number of Congressmen have either resigned or are resigning from the party, although their next move is yet to be decided. Twenty influential leaders, including Gopaldas Nag, Bholanath Sen, Santosh Roy and DP Chattopadhyaya announced their resignation at a press conference. The Cooch Behar and the Central Calcutta DCCs have also

en masse resigned from the party. According to Roy, many other DCCs have conveyed their readiness to fall in line.

APOLITICAL RSS

RSS CHIEF BALASAHEB DEORAS reiterated in Indore that the RSS would never assume power because it believed in reforming society keeping itself aloof from politics. Talking to journalists, he declared that the RSS had no interest in elections. Its active participation in the 1977 election was an exception to help restore democracy and the Constitution. It could not be made a precedence. Addressing volunteers of the RSS, Deoras said that the word Hindu Rashtra had

been used in its wider sense indicating a geographical and cultural identity. The term "Hindu" depicted not only geographical but a specific cultural unit embracing every person living in India.

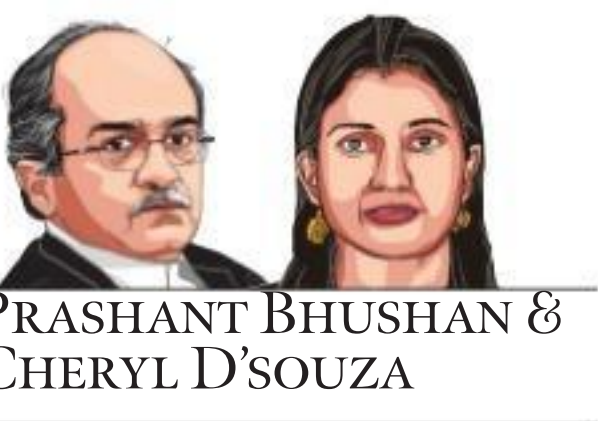
TARAKI ALIVE?

REPORTS OF THE former Afghan president, Nur Mohammed Taraki's death remained unconfirmed. One diplomatic source quoted a reliable Afghan informant in Kabul as saying that the 62-year-old poet-politician was still alive, the Associated Press said. Earlier, Radio Pakistan had said Taraki died from gunshot wounds received in a shootout on Friday at his official residence.



Courts of injustice

The fate of close to two million people excluded from the NRC in Assam rests with the Foreigners Tribunals. The constitutionality and conduct of these quasi-judicial bodies are questionable



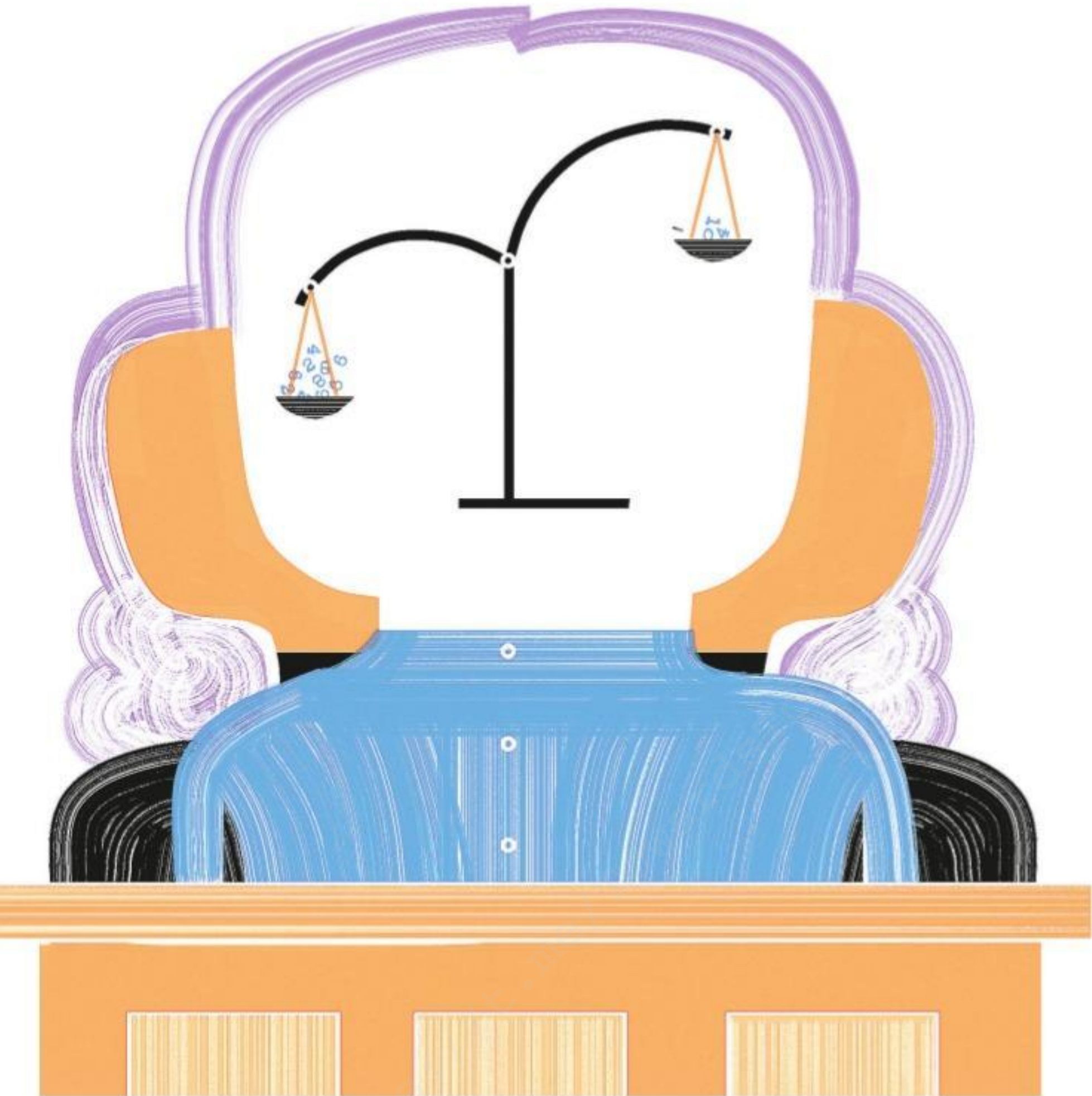
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OVER 1.9 MILLION people have been excluded from the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam. The herculean executive exercise, mandated and closely monitored by the Supreme Court, has incurred a staggering expenditure of over Rs 1,200 crore and immeasurable cost in terms of human suffering and death. The buck now passes to the Foreigners Tribunals. The fate of close to two million people who have been excluded from the NRC rests with these one-man tribunals. The constitutionality of these quasi-judicial bodies — from the appointment of its members, arbitrary procedure for its functioning and the nature of its orders — have always been in question. Yet, the numbers of these tribunals are being increased, from the existing 100 to more than 200, to adjudicate upon citizenship claims. The Supreme Court recently ruled that the order of the Foreigners Tribunals will prevail over the NRC order on citizenship and declined to create an appellate forum for appeal from the tribunals.

Foreigners Tribunals were set up by an executive order in 1964 in contravention of Article 323B of the Constitution, which requires the legislature, by law, to provide for adjudication of matters by tribunals. The matters that can be decided by the tribunal, listed within the Article, do not include citizenship. "Judicial experience" was an essential appointment criteria for its members, as stated in the 1964 order. However, the eligibility was relaxed in June 2019 by a notification, calling for applications from retired civil servants and advocates with just seven years of practice, to be appointed on a contractual basis, through an interview conducted by a panel of high court judges. Two hundred and twenty one members were recently appointed without any written test and no transparency in the selection process. The members of the tribunal are selected by the Gauhati High Court, but the appointment is done through the home and political department of the Assam government. The tenure of tribunal members and extension of their terms is based on a review of "performance" conducted by the Gauhati HC.

The minutes of the monitoring committee of the HC reveal that the government is also asked to send its appraisal of tribunal members to the court. The performance report of the government has a special column — "percentage of foreigners declared". Extension is often given to those who have declared the maximum number of persons as foreigners — the low scorers are "terminated". Pay and allowances of members is regulated by the government. "Impartiality is the soul of the judiciary, independence is the life blood of the judiciary", held a Constitution Bench in *UOI v R. Gandhi* (2010). In the absence of security of tenure and dependence on the government, these tribunals cannot function freely and impartially. There is no mechanism for receiving complaints against members of a tribunal, giving a free hand to such members to adjudicate, most often without any judicial experience, on citizenship — the right to all rights.

Apart from those excluded from the NRC, who now have to appeal in the Foreigners Tribunals within a period of 120 days, the Assam Border Police and the Election Commission refer cases to the tribunals. Inquiry reports submitted by Assam Border Police to the tribunal, while making a reference, are often blank. There are allegations that poor and unlettered are randomly picked up and, on non-production of citizen-



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ship documents, referred to the tribunals. Further, the Election Commission, since 1997, under the pretext of a "strict scrutiny" of the voter list, started an exercise that marked D or "doubtful" against any person in the list, arbitrarily, without any investigation. In the absence of investigation, even decorated army officers have been referred as illegal immigrants to the tribunals.

These tribunals have the power to regulate their own procedure for disposal of cases expeditiously. The section 3(1) of the Foreigners Tribunals Order requires that the tribunal shall serve on the person to whom the question relates, a copy of the main grounds on which he is alleged to be a foreigner. However, in practice, these are rarely mentioned in the notices issued by the tribunals. With no grounds to rebut and the burden of proof on the person alleged to be a foreigner, it becomes impossible to present a cogent case before the tribunal. Most of those declared foreigners by the tribunals are poor and do not have access to legal aid to represent them through the procedural spiral. If a person does not appear before the tribunal, either for lack of understanding of the notice issued or in the absence of any notice, such persons are declared as foreigner by an ex parte order. According to a question in the Lok Sabha in July this year, the minister of state in the Ministry of Home Affairs stated that as many as 63,959 persons have been declared foreigners through ex parte proceedings in Assam between 1985 and (February) 2019. The order of the tribunals can be challenged before a division bench of the Gauhati High Court in writ jurisdiction, most often distant and beyond the means of the poor.

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Diversity, plurality and inclusivity form the bedrock of the Indian Constitution, which abhors systematic targeting of the minorities and xenophobia. Unfortunately, in *Sarbananda Sonowal* (2005), the Supreme Court itself laid the ground for xenophobia. Relying on unverified reports about the influx of foreigners, the apex court declared the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act unconstitutional on the ground that it placed the burden of proving a person to be a foreigner on the state. These tribunals were manned by proper judges and the percentage of those declared foreigners was low. The Supreme Court declared that the Union had failed to protect the State of Assam against "external aggression" caused by the huge influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh! This astounding judgment has since set the tone for all future proceedings under the Foreigners Act.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"President Trump considers retaliation after the attack on Saudi oil facilities. But he has few options and fewer allies."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

For Boris, cues from Cameron

The former UK prime minister sought to build a partnership of equals with India. Brexit crisis must not overshadow those gains



JITESH GADHIA

THE PUBLICATION of David Cameron's long-awaited memoirs could not have come at a more awkward time for the former British prime minister. Cameron bided his time for more than three years, hoping that the outcome of the 2016 Brexit referendum — which prompted his resignation — would be resolved. A Brexit settlement would have allowed a more sober and objective analysis of his six years as premiere and 11 years as Conservative Party leader. Instead, the release date (planned many months ago) falls in the middle of the most serious political and constitutional crisis which the United Kingdom has faced since the Second World War.

Judging from the visceral reaction from many quarters, it currently feels like Cameron's legacy will forever be overshadowed by Brexit, in the same way as another former British PM, Anthony Eden, remains inextricably associated with the Suez Crisis.

As someone who had the privilege of working closely with Cameron, his efforts to build a modern partnership with India deserve more charitable treatment from historians. Throughout his tenure, Cameron did more than any other holder of his office to reach out proactively to India, as an emerging superpower, and to recognise the outsized contribution made by over 1.5 million members of the British Indian diaspora.

Cameron signalled his clear geopolitical priority from the outset, choosing India for his first major official visit overseas after his election in 2010. He visited India on three separate occasions during his premiership, often leading large trade delegations encompassing not just business interests but the whole spectrum of political, educational, scientific and cultural relations which connect the world's largest and oldest democracies. It is quite telling how, in over 700 pages, Cameron is almost more effusive about the importance of India than the historic special relationship with the US.

It is clear that Cameron had a more expansive world view and an appreciation of the rise of emerging economies, especially in Asia. Unlike the current Trumpian doctrine, which views global cooperation as a "zero sum game", he understood the opportunity of harnessing the aspirations of India's young population to build shared prosperity. Cameron was also sensitive to being "tinged with colonial guilt" and sought to build a genuine partnership of equals.

These intentions were backed up by appointing a Minister for Business Engagement with India, who worked across different government departments, and a diaspora champion in the form of Priti Patel MP, who is now Amit Shah's direct counterpart as Home Secretary serving in Boris Johnson's cabinet. Cameron describes the diaspora as the "greatest weapon" in the UK's engagement with India. Cultivating the British Indian community provided a double benefit — both political and diplomatic — and explains

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADDRESS INSECURITY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'For the demographic dividend', (IE, September 19). India's National Population Policy, 2000 had a progressive goal to understand and address the issue of population growth. The country is on the course of achieving population stabilisation with its national TFR clocking very close to the replacement rate. But at times, social insecurities, economic uncertainty and a perceived sense of discrimination impacts family planning decisions. This aspect needs serious consideration at the policymaking level.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

BSP'S FALL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The elephant trap' (IE, September 18). BSP MLAs in states other than UP are not willing to do Mayawati's bidding mainly because she wants to use them as bargaining chips. Other parties are also not always ready to throw in their lot with the BSP because of its record of renegeing on alliances. Mayawati seems to be strict only when it comes to safeguarding her political interests.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

FINES ARE NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Transport

why Cameron was a regular visitor to mandirs, gurdwaras and mosques. Indeed, his memoirs include a photograph with his wife Samantha, dressed in a shalwar kameez, celebrating Vaisakhi during the 2015 General Election campaign. This election also provided a British first: A campaign song in Hindi, which went viral on social media.

In November 2015, having won that election with an outright majority, Cameron went to great lengths to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his first official visit to the UK. During the visit, Modi addressed a rare joint session of the British Parliament, travelled up the River Thames lit up in the colours of the Indian flag, and was received in Downing Street, decorated in a festive display for Diwali. Modi was also a guest at the official country retreat of Chequers and served with specially prepared vegetarian food.

However, the high point was undoubtedly the event in front of a 60,000-strong crowd at Wembley Stadium, referenced in the memoirs as "the largest-ever gathering of the Indian diaspora in the UK" where Modi received a rousing reception. Cameron obliged with a strong endorsement of Modi, amplifying his election slogan in Hindi: "Aache din zaroor aayenge" and was "hugged on stage". This cemented the personal chemistry, always important between world leaders. Even Manmohan Singh is mentioned in the book as a "saintly man" who was "robust on the threats India faced" and told Cameron that if another terrorist attack like that in Mumbai in July 2011 was repeated then India would have to take military action against Pakistan.

So, the most revealing aspect of the book is Cameron's deep understanding of the terrorist threat which emanates from across India's border. He describes the Afghanistan-Pakistan border as the "mother lode of Islamist extremism" and in a fascinating section describes his attempts to build greater trust between Hamid Karzai and former Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, hosting them both at Chequers in 2013. He laments the lack of breakthrough and says of Pakistan "as we know, it is the military that makes the key decisions".

This perhaps explains why Cameron broke with normal British Foreign Office convention during his visit to Bengaluru in 2010 to address IT workers at the Infosys campus. Responding to a question, he made an unequivocal statement: "We cannot tolerate in any sense the idea that this country [Pakistan] is allowed to look both ways and is able, in any way, to promote the export of terror, whether to India or whether to Afghanistan or anywhere else in the world." This clarity, conviction and courage explains why Cameron is so well respected in India.

His successor, Boris Johnson, is also an Indophile but whether he will be able to make the same impact will depend partly upon how he handles the vexed question of Brexit in the coming weeks but also, crucially, on whether he is prepared to take a similarly principled position against cross border terrorism. The biggest lesson from David Cameron is that a balanced view on the politics of the Indian subcontinent is no view at all.

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LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

strike to slow down city today' (IE, September 19). Transporters have a right to go on strike. The amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act were mooted more than 10 years ago. The heavy fines became necessary because traffic rules were flouted on a large-scale.

AL Agarwal, Delhi

THE Urdu PRESS

BEYOND THE STARS

CHANDRAYAAN 2'S VIKRAM Lander reaching so close to its goal has received a warm and soaring response in editorials in the Urdu press.

Using Allama Iqbal's famous ghazal their being more lands ahead of the moon, *Urdu Times*, on September 8, speaks of how the ISRO chief K Sivan was "consoled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who boosted his morale and sent a message to youngsters that they must not be disappointed by failure, and keep trying".

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara in its editorial on the same day writes: "No country has gone onto the South Pole of the Moon but India has landed there, even if contact is lost. This may be a partial failure but ISRO has dedicated its best efforts for this mission." The paper writes that "all of India is very proud of the landing".

Urdu Times in an editorial on September 12 'Katauti' or Cut, strikes a different note. It speaks of a "thousand employees at ISRO have been receiving lesser wages now, by at least Rs 10,000 each. The employees are very discouraged and are saying that despite working towards such an important national

mission, instead of a wage hike, they are getting a wage cut." The paper says: "The government has no dearth of funds, it has recently taken Rs 1.76 lakh crore from the RBI, despite this being a very controversial decision. But when it is not giving this to government servants and reducing peoples' salaries, why should common citizens hope they will get Rs 15 lakh in their accounts?"

FAROOQ'S ARREST

ON SEPTEMBER 19, *Inquilab* quotes a "reputable English language daily," as saying that Farooq Abdullah's detention is "unbelievable". The editorial argues that "the Centre will have to prove how the chairman of the National Conference, a sitting Lok Sabha MP, a former Rajya Sabha MP, a former Union minister and a former chief minister is a threat to public safety, and why the Public Safety Act (PSA) has been used against him, which is invoked against terrorists." The paper writes that "the irony is that just days before the lockdown on August 5, he met PM Modi with a team of representatives including his son and also former chief minister, Omar Abdullah." It adds: "Atal Bihari Vajpayee trusted him enough to call him to

the Agra summit in July 2001."

On September 18, *Munsif* asks why the PSA has been imposed on Farooq Abdullah. "A few days after the CPM chief and a Congress leader secured conditional permission to go to Srinagar, the PSA has suddenly been imposed on an ex-chief minister. This indicates that the BJP, after 43 days, is scared that if the restrictions are removed and if curfew is relaxed, the people will hit the streets and the government's assertions of control and peace will fall flat on the ground." The paper recalls that "just after August 5, the Home Minister Amit Shah had clearly lied and said in the House that no one was arrested. He had also said that Abdullah was fully free and there were no restrictions on anyone to meet him but other ex-chief minister was stopped from entering the state soon after."

Etemaad, the AIMIM daily, sees a connection with the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and events in Kashmir. On September 18 it says, "on the eve of the UNGA, the government appears worried that if any leader from the Valley speaks on Article 370, it would hurt them a lot, hence the actions against Farooq Abdullah." The paper believes, though, that this act has hurt the BJP's bid to

"woo locals and agitated a lot of people".

HINDI WOES

SIASAT ON SEPTEMBER 17 has an editorial on the imposition of Hindi titled 'Hindi domination may prove to be problematic for the BJP'. The editorial says: "People in South India and now political parties too are criticising the government's move to impose Hindi." The paper writes that "in states where regional languages are very important, like West Bengal and Kerala, where the BJP has used these languages to build a base, it will be hit".

Etemaad on September 16 writes: "At a time when the concern at the UN is the preservation of the mother tongue and various steps are being taken to do that, the BJP has started an argument to promote a particular agenda and a point of view which is just not acceptable." It writes that "India is an example of unity in diversity where many different languages are spoken and we must preserve them all, rather than a One Nation-One Language domination. If done, this would weaken the beauty of India's federal character."

Compiled by Seema Chishti

TOPOF THE WORLD



SAUDI ARABIA

Tunisia's former president Ben Ali dies in exile

Tunis: Former Tunisian president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the first leader to be toppled by the Arab Spring revolts, died on Thursday in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia's foreign ministry said. He was 83. "We had confirmation of his death 30 minutes ago," the ministry said, without giving further details. His lawyer, Mounir Ben Salha, confirmed the news, citing family members and Ben Ali's doctor. Ben Ali, who ruled his North African country from 1987 until 2011, was viewed by some as a bulwark against Islamist extremism, but faced criticism for muzzling the opposition and his reluctance to embrace democracy.

NEPAL

Beijing officials to discuss China model of politics with Oli's party

Kathmandu: Nearly two weeks after the Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Wang Yi told Nepal Prime Minister K P Oli that both Communist-ruled countries should work together for the common good, the Nepal Communist Party has invited top Chinese officials to present tutorials on Chinese model of politics and development. The two-day exercise beginning Monday will see Chinese leaders make presentation on China's development model and diplomacy with emphasis on how it could help the neighbourhood.

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

INDONESIA

Hundreds of waste containers returned to West

Jakarta: Indonesia is sending back hundreds of containers of contaminated waste to the West after shipments supposedly containing plastic meant for recycling were found to hide hazardous substances, customs officials said. Among more than 2,000 containers checked by authorities at four ports from July to mid-September, nearly 550 contained hazardous material or non-plastic waste. More than 300 containers have already been repatriated, officials said.

US building coalition after Saudi oil attack, Iran warns against war

Pompeo meets rulers of Saudi Arabia and UAE, says aiming for peaceful resolution of tensions

TUQA KHALID & AZIZ EL YAAKOUBI
DUBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE UNITED States said on Thursday it was building a coalition to deter Iranian threats following a weekend attack on Saudi Arabian oil facilities.

Iran has warned US President Donald Trump against being dragged into a war in the Middle East and said it would meet any offensive action with a crushing response.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that Trump, who has ordered more sanctions on Iran, wants a peaceful solution to the crisis.

He was speaking after talks with Saudi and Emirati leaders over the strike that Washington and Riyadh have blamed on Tehran.

Iran denies involvement in the September 14 attack that initially halved Saudi oil output and which Pompeo earlier called an



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah. Iran said Pompeo and the Crown Prince are trying to dupe Trump into opting for war. AP

act of war against the world's largest oil exporter.

Pompeo appeared to soften his tone on Thursday after talks with Abu Dhabi's crown prince, the de facto ruler of the United Arab Emirates, which is Riyadh's main Arab ally.

"We are here to build out a coalition aimed at achieving peace and a peaceful resolution. That's

my mission, that's what President Trump certainly wants me to work to achieve and I hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran sees it that way," Pompeo told reporters.

He did not provide details about the coalition. The United States has however been trying to create a global maritime security alliance since attacks on oil tankers in Gulf waters, which



"We don't want war, we don't want to engage in a military confrontation... but we won't blink to defend our territory."

— MOHAMMAD JAVAD ZARIF
IRAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Washington also blamed on Iran.

Pompeo described his proposed coalition as "an act of diplomacy while the foreign minister of Iran is threatening all out war".

Iran's foreign minister, Mohammed Javad Zarif, told CNN that the Islamic Republic "won't blink" if it has to defend itself against any US or Saudi mil-

itary strike, which he said would lead to "all-out war".

Zarif mocked Pompeo, saying he was part of a so-called "B-team", along with Saudi Arabia's crown prince, which is trying to dupe Trump into opting for war.

Pompeo on Wednesday met Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has called the assault on oil plants a "test of global will". Riyadh has displayed what it described as remnants of 25 Iranian drones and missiles used in the strike, saying it was undeniable evidence of Iranian aggression.

Pompeo earlier welcomed an announcement by the UAE that it was joining the maritime coalition, a day after Riyadh said it would too.

Britain and Bahrain previously said they are participating but most European countries have been reluctant to sign up for fear of stoking regional tensions. Iraq said it would not join the mission, and also rejected any Israeli role in it. **REUTERS**



HAZE SPREADS ACROSS SOUTHEAST ASIA

Smog covers a forest during fires in Pulang Pisau regency near Palangka Raya, Indonesia, on Thursday. Forestfires have produced a choking haze that spread across Southeast Asia. *Reuters*

■ Indonesian police arrested 230 people suspected of starting some of the fires that are spreading health-damaging haze across a large part of Southeast Asia.

■ Poor visibility caused by smoke caused delays of flights at airports in Indonesia and Malaysia, and prompted authorities to shut thousands of schools in both countries.

■ Malaysia said it would raise pressure on its neighbours to find a solution to recurring outbreaks of smog-belching forestfires in Indonesia, as air quality plummeted.

Canada's Trudeau apologises after brownface photo sparks furore

ROB GILLIES

TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 19

PRIME MINISTER Justin Trudeau's campaign moved to contain a growing furore Thursday after a yearbook photo surfaced of him in brownface at a 2001 "Arabian Nights" costume party and two other similar incidents came to light.

With his bid for re-election just a month away, the 47-year-old Trudeau begged Canadians to forgive him.

"I should have known better then, but I didn't, and I am deeply sorry for it," he said, adding: "It was a dumb thing to do."



Time magazine published the photo on Wednesday, saying it was taken from the yearbook from the West Point Grey Academy, a private school in British Columbia where Trudeau worked as a teacher before going into politics. It shows the then-29-year-old Trudeau in a turban and robe with dark makeup on his

hands, face and neck.

The morning after the story broke, Trudeau gave no sign at all that he might resign, and no figures in his Liberal Party had called on him to step down.

Canadian Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, a Liberal who is Sikh, said what Trudeau did was wrong but the PM has a record of standing up for minorities.

New video

Global News also reported another instance, broadcasting a brief video of Trudeau in blackface while raising his hands in the air and sticking out his tongue. A Liberal Party spokeswoman said the footage was from the 1990s. **AP**

IN COLD NUMBERS

2.9 BILLION

The number of birds that have disappeared from North America since 1970, according to the journal *Science*.

US strike kills 30 farm workers in Afghanistan

Taliban kill 20 in southern province

REUTERS

JALALABAD, KABUL, SEPTEMBER 19

A US drone strike intended to hit an Islamic State (IS) hideout in Afghanistan killed at least 30 civilians resting after a day's labour in the fields, officials said Thursday.

The attack on Wednesday night also injured another 40 people after accidentally targeting farmers and labourers who had just finished collecting pine nuts at Wazir Tangi in eastern Nangarhar province, three Afghan officials told *Reuters*.

"The workers had lit a bonfire and were sitting together when a drone targeted them," tribal elder Malik Rahat Gul told Reuters by telephone from Wazir Tangi.

Afghanistan's Defence Ministry and a senior US official in Kabul confirmed the drone strike, but did not share details of civilian casualties.

Separately, a Taliban truck bomb killed at least 20 people and wounded 95 when it exploded near a hospital in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, a

US cuts aid to Afghanistan

Washington: The United States on Thursday accused Afghanistan's government of failing to fight corruption and cut more than \$160 million in direct funding, little over a week before the country's elections. "We stand against those who exploit their positions of power and influence to deprive the Afghan people of the benefits of foreign assistance and a more prosperous future," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

provincial official said.

The Taliban, who have been carrying out nearly daily attacks since the collapse of peace talks with the US this month, said the target was a nearby building of the government's intelligence department in Qalat, the capital of Zabul province.

Netanyahu seeks unity govt with rival Gantz, but rebuffed

JEFFREY HELLER

JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 19

ISRAEL'S WEAKENED Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saw his offer on Thursday for a coalition with his strongest political rival, Benny Gantz, swiftly rebuffed after failing to secure a governing majority in a tight election.

Netanyahu's surprise move was an abrupt change of strategy for the right-wing leader. Its rejection could spell weeks of wrangling after Tuesday's election, which followed an inconclusive national ballot in April.

Gantz's centrist Blue and White party emerged from the second round of voting this year slightly ahead of Netanyahu's Likud, but also short of enough supporters in the 120-member Parliament for a ruling bloc.

Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving leader, said in a video clip in which he urged Gantz, the country's former military chief, to meet him "as soon as today", that he had pledged during the election campaign to form a right-wing, Likud-led government.

"But to my regret, the election results show that this is impossible," Netanyahu said. "Benny, we must set up a broad unity government, as soon as today. The nation expects us, both of us, to demonstrate responsibility and that we pursue cooperation."

Responding to Netanyahu's call, Gantz made no mention of the PM and said he himself would head a "liberal" coalition, political shorthand for one that excludes the Israeli leader's long-time ultra-Orthodox allies.

He then left it to Moshe Yaalon,



Netanyahu and Gantz with President Rivlin. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED E.

Graft charges hurt Netanyahu's case

WITH NO party winning a majority in Tuesday's election, Netanyahu made a case for a unity government, asking his main rival to team up with him to avoid another re-election. But Benny Gantz's Blue and White party, which finished slightly above Netanyahu's Likud in the polls, does not want to appear to be aligning with the PM who faces multiple corruption charges. Netanyahu has tried to push a Bill giving him immunity as long as he is in office, but has so far not succeeded. The corruption charges, while hindering his bid to form a unity government, could also cause further legal trouble if he has to vacate the post of PM.

a fellow Blue and White leader, to deliver a stinging rejection of a partnership with Netanyahu, citing looming corruption charges against the PM. **REUTERS**

FOUR YEARS AFTER GERMANY TOOK IN 1 MILLION MIGRANTS, INTEGRATION IS QUIETLY WORKING, ONE VILLAGE AT A TIME

Syrian children saved a German village, and a village saved itself

KATRIN BENNHOLD & LAETITIA VANCON
GOLZOW, SEPTEMBER 19

THE INVITATION was risky, and Mayor Frank Schütz knew it.

Bringing Syrian immigrants to his remote German village, where the anti-immigrant far right is popular and many locals already feel like second-class citizens?

"Madness," the hairdresser opined. "Impossible," a farmer concluded.

But it was the only way to save the village school — the soul and centre of Golzow, which like many rural areas of the former communist East Germany lost a third of its population in the disruptive years after the Berlin Wall fell.

In the summer of 2015, as hundreds of thousands of migrants made their way to Germany, the number of school-age children in Golzow had fallen to a new low. There was not going to be a first grade. It was the beginning of the end for a school that was once the backdrop for 'The Children of Golzow', an epic Communist-era documentary that followed a cohort of first graders through decades of life behind the Iron Curtain.

But then Kamala, Bourhan, Hamza, Nour, Tassim, Ritaj, Rafeef, Roaa, big Mohammad and little Mohammad arrived with their parents. The new children of Golzow, the mayor called them. "The Syrians saved our school," Schütz said in a recent interview.

And Golzow, in a way, saved itself. When it comes to welcoming migrants, Golzow is a microcosm of Germany, at least arithmetically. The 16 Syrians that settled in this village of 820 inhabitants represent the same share of the population as the roughly 1.5 million who arrived nationwide after 2015.

Their story is a tale about befriending the other even as one in four people in the town voted for the far-right Alternative for Germany in recent elections.

It is also evidence that beneath the fears fanning the populist flame in Europe's biggest democracy, the integration of hundreds of thousands of migrants is quietly working, one village at a time. Across the coun-



The war in Syria resulted in a surge of migrants to Germany. *NYT*

try, more than one in three are now in employment, government statistics show.

Four years after the Syrians ar-

rived, Golzow has changed — for the better, most seem to agree.

Empty apartments have new life in them. At the annual sun-

flower fair, Arabic pastries sit next to German apple tarts. When the school caretaker needs help sweeping up leaves, Fadi, Ahmed and Mahmoud, the Syrian fathers, are among the first to volunteer.

One villager, whose own grandchildren live hundreds of miles away, has taken three Syrian children under his wing, teaching them how to fish and swim. The children call him "Opa," German for grandfather. It wasn't always like this.

When Schütz first gathered villagers to explain his idea to bring in Syrians, there was a lot of scepticism.

"I thought, 'This can't work, they have a different religion, our children won't speak proper

German anymore,'" said Marco Seidelt, whose 11-year-old son, Davey, suddenly had three Syrians in his class.

Others worried that the newcomers would be noisy or steal, Schütz recalled.

Halima Taha was sceptical, too. "East Germany? Are you crazy?" her Syrian friends told her over the phone after her family was bused from Berlin to an asylum centre in the east and eventually to Golzow, Taha recalled. They don't like foreigners over there, her friends said. It's dangerous.

But then both sides made an effort — and were surprised by how much they liked each other.

Taha, a bubbly 32-year-old mother of three who speaks German with a soft regional lilt,

recalled the flowers and toys the mayor brought when he first welcomed her family to their new home. Villagers donated things to help the family furnish their apartment, including dishes and a set of antlers.

On the first day of school, the German parents greeted the Syrian families with a cake — unaware that they were fasting because it was Ramadan. There was a moment of awkwardness. Then everyone laughed, and Taha cut the cake.

By now, all six Syrian adults have found work.

"They have become important parts of our community," Gaby Thomas, the local head teacher, said of the Syrian families. **NYT**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Santosh Kumar Jain W/o Neeraj Jain R/o-X-2034 Gali No. 2, Rajgarh-Extn Delhi-110031, inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sujata Jain in my minor son Vansh Jain(14-Years)minor daughter Vanshika Jain(13-Years) & Khushboo Jain(12-Years) School Record.The actual name of mine is Santosh Kumari Jain which may be amended accordingly.

0040513101-9

I,Vinod Talwar S/O Kuibhushan Talwar R/O A-1/167, Ground-Floor, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063. Have Changed My Child Name Agrima To Agrima Talwar. 0040513101-1

I,Shanjay Bhardwaj S/o-Sh.Dharmbir Bhardwaj R/o-Village-Tigra,Po-Kanhai, Tehsil-Wazirabad,District-Gurgaon,Haryana, inform that Sanjay Bhardwaj S/o-Sh.Dharmbir Bhardwaj and Sanjay S/o-Sh.Dharmbir is one and same person.

0040513055-4

I,Meenakshi Suri D/o Jitender Rajpal R/O-Flat.No.710, Tower-8,Unitech Horizon,Sector-Pi-2,Greater Noida,U.P.,have changed my name to Meenakshi Rajpal for all future purposes.

0040513055-2

I,Kiran D/o Vaski Nath Mishra R/O-C-25 Ext., 2nd.Floor,Near Mata Dairy,New Ashok Nagar,Delhi-110096,have changed my name from Kiran to Kiran Mishra for all future purposes.

0040513055-1

I,Dheeraj Madan S/o-Satish Madaan R/O-H.No-396,Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara,Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Dheeraj Madaan permanently.

0040513143-4

I,Aaliyah Saeed Dang W/O- Amanjit Dang R/O-4th-Floor, H.No.140, C-Block, Mayfield-Garden, Gurgaon-122001,Have Changed My Name-From Aaliyah Saeed To Aaliyah Saeed Dang.

0040513143-2

I,Wilson J S/o P.T.John R/O-10-C, Pocket-B-4, MayurVihar-3, Delhi-110096 inform that my son's name is wrongly entered in the school record as Melvin P Wilson, the correct name is Melvin Wilson

0040513113-9

I,Vinod Kumar S/O Gyan Datt Sharma, R/O-1/5808, Gali No-11, Balbir-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, changed My Name To Vinod Kumar Sharma.

0040513113-3

I,Vijayamadhaven A/S/o Karuvada Velayudhakurup R/o House No-2503 A, Sector-55, Housing Board Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004, have changed my minor son's name from P. Vishnu aged 13 years to Vishnu Vijay

0070675053-1

I,Uday Singh Raghav S/o Shri Pratap Singh Thakur, r/o Flat No.-C-9, 2nd Floor, L.I.G. DDA Flats, East of Loni Road, Shahdara, Delhi -93, have changed my name to Uday Singh Thakur for all future purpose.

0040513026-1

I,Sunil Kumar S/O Khajan Singh R/O 1993, 2nd-Floor, Gali Neela Wali, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi-110006, changed My Name To Sunil Sharma.

0040513108-5

I,Suman Shukla W/o Brij Bhushan Shukla R/O B-696, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110080 informs that Sunita Devi and Suman Shukla are one and the same person, that is myself.

0040513062-1

I,Shyam Sunder S/o Sh.Atma Ram R/O-H.No.89, Model-Town, Mandi-Adampur, Hisar (Haryana), hereby inform that I,have changed my name from Shyam Sunder to Shyam Sunder Aggarwal for all future purposes.

0040513096-7

I,Shilpa Sharma, W/o Vipin Sharma, R/O-C-42, Near-Clock-Tower, HariNagar, Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Shilpa Chhibber, for all purposes.

0040513101-5

I,Shashi Bala Bagga W/o-Sandeep Chander R/O-WZ-409M, Ilird Floor, Gate No.2, Janakpuri, Clock-Tower, Delhi-110064, changed my name to Shashi Bala.

0040513101-6

I,Shaney Ali S/o Mumtaz Ahmad, R/O H.No.-C-1217, Gali No-7, Chauhan Banger, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Shane Ali and Shakira respectively in my minor daughter Aqsa Parveen aged 15 years in her School Records. The actual name of mine and my wife is Shaney Ali and Shakira Parveen respectively.

0070675052-1

I,Seema W/O Vinay Kumar R/O A-103 Street No.9, Bhajanpura Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Seema Naggar for all purposes.

0040513074-1

I,Satyta Wati W/O Anil Kumar Mishra R/O Type-1V/11, Schedule-B, Resident Estate, Ndmc, Rashtarpatri Bhawan, N.Delhi-110044,Changed My Name To Satyawati.

0040513108-4

I,Saroj Saini W/O Sh.Jeevan Singh R/O-Flat.No.42,Delhi Apartment Plot.No.15C, Sector-22, Dwarka,New Delhi-110075,have changed my name to Saroj for all future purposes.

0040513055-3

I,Sara, D/o Sh.Sumit Mehta, R/O Flat No.UG4, Tower No.6, Civitech Florencia, Ramprastha Greens, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to Sara Mehta for all purposes.

0040513027-1

I,Santosh Devi W/o Dharmender R/O-H.No.37, Nayabans, Gali.No.1, Sector-15, Noida have changed my name to Nisha Bansal for all purposes.

0040513085-7

I,Sanjiv and Sanjiv Khatri S/o Ramesh Chand, R/O-210, Jatwara, Sonipat have changed my name to Sanjeev Khatri for all purposes.

0040513096-3

I,Sakshi Verma D/O Manvendra Kumar Manu R/O-Flat-408 Supriya Society,Plot-20 Sec-10 Dwarka New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Sakshi Manu Verma, for all future purposes.

0040513085-2

I,SANJAY SINGHAL S/O Prakash Chand Singhal R/O-B-88, Jivan-Park, Uttam Nagar, N.Delhi-110059, have changed my name to SANJAY KUMAR SINGHAL.

0040513096-10

I,Rani Neelam Sahney W/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar Sahney R/o 19/8, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060, Have changed my name to Neelam Rani Sahney for all purposes.

0040513056-1

I,Ram Kishan Meena S/O Dilip Kumar Meena Address:- O1st Madangir New Delhi-110062, Changed My Name To Ram Kishan.

0040513108-1

I,Rajesh Rathore S/O Nathu Ram R/O C-1/51, Street No-2, Near Post-Office, Welcome, Seelampur-III, Delhi-110053, changed My Name To Rajesh.

0040513108-7

I,Subash S/O Jagmohan Lal R/O-L64, Pratap Nagar, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Subhash Arora for all future purposes.

0040513028-1

I,Rupali Kujur D/O Sh.S. Peter Kujur R/O H.No.206, Sector-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022, have Changed My Name From Rupali Kujur To Rupali Catherine Kujur For All Future Purposes.

0040512763-4

I,Renu Bala W/O Shri Manoj Chauhan R/O I-5/60, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Renu Chauhan.

0040513055-6

I,Dinesh Kumar S/O Shri Shyam Lal Garg R/O F-44, Sai Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Dinesh Garg.

0040513055-7

I,Rajesh Kumar Garg S/O Kashmir Lal R/O-30, GaliNo-13, Sanjay-Nagar, Adarsh-Nagar, Delhi-33-Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kumar.

0040513143-1

I,Rajeev Arora S/O Vijay Arora R/O-437/11, Hem Nagar, Sonipat have changed my name to Rajiv Arora for all purposes.

0040513096-2

I,Rahul S/O Balbir Kalra R/O-Flat-1-A, Pocket-A2, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Rahul Kalra.

0040513096-6

I,Rahul S/O Nihal Singh R/O 544/20 Anand Pura, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name to Rahul Saini for all future purposes.

0040513082-1

I,RAMESH KUMAR S/O LATE SHRI LAKHI RAM residing at H.No.- 9A/9, Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi-110070, informs that name of my wife has been wrongly written as SARAS MEHLA in my Discharge Book and P.P.O.No.: 09/97/B/S/ 00080/1997. The actual name of my wife is SARASWATI, which may be amended accordingly.

0040513033-1

I,R.C. Taware S/O Chandrasen Bhagwan Taware R/O P 5/13 , Old Aps Colony Delhi Cantt-110010, have changed my name to Ramdas Chandrasen Taware for all purposes.

0040513088-1

I,Qazi Syed Iqbal Nizami S/O Qazi Syed Saifdar Ali Nizami, R/O-T-301, Dildar-Nagar, Hazrat-Nizamuddin, N.Delhi-110013, changed My Name To Syed Iqbal Nizami.

0040513113-4

I,Preeti Goel W/O Parveen Garg R/O G-20/50-51, Top-Floor, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed My Name To Preeti Garg.

0040513101-3

I,Pinkii Dubey W/o Narendra Dubey R/O A-412, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-96, have changed my name to Maya Dubey for all purposes.

0040513049-1

I,Parmajeet Singh S/O Prem Singh R/O 2D/WZ 27 NH-2 N.I.T., Faridabad, Haryana-(121001), have changed my name to Parmajeet Singh for all purposes.

0040513084-1

I,Paramjit Kaur, W/O Gurmeet Singh R/O H.No.69 Q,Sector-4, Pushp Vihar New Delhi 17., Changed My Name To Paramjeet Kaur.

0040513108-3

I,Neelam W/O Vinod Kumar Varun & D/o Veerpal Singh R/O 37-A/3 Kundan Nagar, Gali No.2, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name after marriage to Neelam Varun, for all purposes.

0040513074-1

I,Nareesh Kumar S/o Sh. Shankar Singh R/O H.No. 697, New Baselwa Colony, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad, inform that in my minor son school record that name, DOB & my name is wrongly written as Tushar S/o Nareesh Chaudhary & DOB- 25.10.2002 but his & my actual name is Tushar Chaudhary S/o Nareesh Kumar & DOB 25.10.2003 for all purposes.

0040513109-4

I,Mohd. Naseem Qureshi S/o Kallu R/O 1200 Rakab Ganj behind Delite Cinema, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Mohd. Naseem for all purposes.

0040513021-2

I,Meenu Kashyap W/o Laifit Kumar D/O, Suresh Kashyap R/O D-845, DDA Flat, Bindapur, Dwarka, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Meenu for all purposes.

0040513109-2

I,Mausumi Bhattacharya W/O Subhojit Lahiri R/O-D-752, C.R.Park, New Delhi-110019, changed My Name To Mousumi Lahiri.

0040513113-2

I,Manoj Murali S/O Mohan Singh Manral R/O B-7/73, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Have Changed My Name To Manoj Manral.

0040513101-2

I,Manmeet Kaur Chhatwal W/O Kamalpreet Singh R/O S-2/208 B Old Mahavir Nagar ND-18, have changed my name to Manmeet Kaur for all purposes.

0040513109-3

I,Maneesh Shukla S/O Laxmi Kant Shukla R/O Flat No-2211, Carnation Tower Gaur Saundaryam Sec-Techzone-IV, Gr. Noida West BG Nagar UP, informs that my minor son's both names Neev Naman Shukla and Neev Shukla are of the one and same person.

0040513103-1

I,Mamta Devi D/o Chandar Pal Singh and W/o Rakesh Kumar Singh Raghav R/o House No-WZ-827C, Gali No-17, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Mamta Raghav in my minor son Kunal Raghav aged 14 years in his School Records. The actual name of mine is Mamta Devi

0070675056-1

I,Laxmi D/o Sh. Nareesh R/O-159, Gijira Road Jhajar (Haryana), have change my name to Jasmit for all purposes.

0040513113-10

I,Laxami Rani W/O Anand Parkash R/O-5/479A, Indra Colony, Sonipat have changed my name to Luxmi Devi for all purposes.

0040513096-1

I,Kumari Sunita Poonia W/o Rishi Poonia R/O 15C, Tower-O, Central Park Resorts, near Subhash Chowk, Sector 48, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Sunita Poonia.

0040513092-1

I,Kulvinder Singh R/O-B-7/5A, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my minor daughter's name Maneet to Maneet Kaur.

0040513096-9

I,Kulvinder Singh R/O-B-7/5A, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my minor daughter's name Gurlen to Gurlen Kaur.

0040513096-8

I,Krishan Singh Gahlawat S/o Nafe Singh R/O 2366A/34 Amrt-Colony Rohtak Pin-124001 changed my name to Krishan Singh.

0040513096-4

I,Krishan Kumar Grover S/o Bulaki Ram Grover R/O GH-13/402, SFS Flats, Opp Guru Harkrishan Nagar Paschim Vihar, Delhi, have changed my name to Krishan Grover permanently.

0040513068-1

I,Km.Bhagwati W/O Kishan Singh R/O-U-243, 1st Floor, North School-Block, Mandawali-Fazalpur, Delhi-110092, changed My Name To Bhagwati Mehra.

0040513113-1

I,Joginder Nath S/O Baij Nath Sachdeva, R/o 170 Ghalib Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Joginder Nath Sachdeva permanently.

0040513068-2

I,Jai Bhagwan S/O Late Tara Chaud Goyal, R/O H. no.19, Road no.29, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Jai Bhagwan Goyal.

0040513066-1

I,Jasbir Singh S/O Hari Chand R/O 1/10291, West Gorakh Park, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Jasveer Singh.

0040513014-1

I,Inderjeet Kaur W/O Rajinder Singh R/O-A-22/1, First Floor, Vishnu Garden, N.Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Inderjit Kaur.

0040513096-11

I,Husna Qureshi W/o Mohd. Naseem R/O 1200 Rakab Ganj behind Delite Cinema, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Husna for all purposes.

0040513021-1

I,Mohd Yunus Saifi S/o Mohd Yusuf R/O-H.No.B-1, New-Brijpuri, Delhi-110051 inform that my name is wrongly written as Mohammad Yunus in my Passport.That the correct name of mine is Mohd Yunus Saifi.

0040513085-10

I,Mohamed Najmul Hassan alias Md Najamul Hassan alias Najmul Hassan S/o Mohamed Manazirul Hassan R/O F-95, Laksmi Nagar, West Jawahar Park, Shakar Pur Baramad, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Najmul Hassan

0070675049-1

I,Manish Kumar Rawat S/o Shakti Singh Rawat R/O H.N.128, 4 Civil Lines, Palwal, Faridabad changed my name to Manish Kumar.

0040513101-8

I,Jaya Saini W/o Raju Saini R/O-House No.55, Second-Floor Bhagwan-Nagar Ashram New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Jyuly Saini.

0040513085-3

I,Habeeburrehman @ Mohd. Habib S/o Qamar Khan R/O D-60, Battia House, Jamia Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Mohd.Habeeb for all purposes.

0040513018-1

I,Atithi Jain W/o Rahul Garg R/O D-324, Nirman Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Atithi Garg.

0040513085-5

I,Ashok Kumar Kamboj S/o Late Ram Prakash Kamboj R/o 70, Ek Jai Apartments, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed the name of my minor son from Vibhore to Vibhore Kamboj for all purposes.

0040513018-2

I,Anurag Tripathi Alias Anurag Deepak S/o Devendra Kumar R/o Tisti, Kanpur Dehat, UP-209202, have changed my name to Anurag Tripathi.

0070675048-1

I,Arun Rekha W/o Ashwani Kumar Sharma R/o House No. 1829, Sector -9, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 have changed my name from Arun Rekha to Arun Rekha Salwan for all purposes.

0040513109-1

I,Arjun s/o Subhash Kumar R/O-B-28, old-Govindpura, Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110056, have changed my from Arjun to Arjun Kumar for all future purpose.

0040513143-5

I,Anjana Ghosal D/o A.K. Ghoshal R/O H-H-1482, C.R.Park, New Delhi-19 have changed my name from Prianka Ghoshal to Anjana Ghosal.

0040513122-1

I,Anil Kumar Gulati S/O Late Sh.Ram Prakash Gulati R/O-A-46, 2nd-Floor, Yojna-Vihar, Delhi-110092. Have Changed my Name Anil Gulati to Anil Kumar Gulati, for all future purposes.

0040513085-6

I,Anil Puri S/o Mr. Narinder Nath Puri R/O Flat No. 1148, Vasto Mahagun Moderne, Sector 78, Plot No. GH 02, NOIDA, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have change my name Anil Kumar Puri to Anil Puri all future purposes.

0040513024-1

I,Abhishek Kumar Naulakha S/o Nirmal Naulakha R/O-45 Main-Road, Shankar-Nagar, Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Abhishek Naulakha for all purposes

0040513085-8

I, Bharati Bhowmik wife of Late Kamleund Joardar, Resident of 32, 2nd Lane Zulu Park, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand-825301. Through my Affidavit Ref No. DL57267437017839R Dated 18th Sept 19, Bharati Bhowmik and Bharti Joardar is one and same person. It will be valid in all paper and documents.

0040513058-1

I,thitherto known as VINOD KUMAR alias VINOD KUMAR GUPTA S/O SH. BHAIYA RAM RESIDING AT R-109/1, Model Town, Part-III, Delhi-110009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VINOD KUMAR GUPTA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

0040513016-1

I,Zakia Parveen W/o Mohammad Ilyas R/O-H.No.B-1, New-Brijpuri, Delhi-110051. inform that my name is wrongly-written as Jakia Parveen in my Passport.That the correct name of mine is Zakia Parveen.

0040513085-9

I,Subhash Sharma S/o Kamala Dutt Sharma R/O H.No.-41, New Madhi, Joshi Market Chauras, Tehri, Garhwal, Kikleshwar, Uttarakhand-249161, have changed my name to Subhash Chamoli.

0070675050-1

I,Meena Kumari W/O- Ram Kishan Address:- O1st Madangir New Delhi-110062, changed My Name To Meena.

0040513108-2

I,Subhash Kumar S/o Chander Prakash R/O-RL-39 Ganga-Ram Vatika Tilak-Nagar New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Subhash Kumar Mehra.

0040513113-5

I,Seema Bandhu D/O Surender Kumar Bandhu R/O 0.6485 Block no.8,Street-4, DevNagar- Karolbagh N.D-110005, have changed my name to Seema Sharma.

0040513085-1

I,Savita Kumari Alias Savita D/o Hoshiar Singh and W/o Satpal R/O House No.-283, Chabbu Panna, Pooth Khurd, Barwala, Delhi-110039, have finally changed my name to Savita

0070675046-1

I,Munni Devi W/o Sh.Govind Sharma R/O H.No.10, C-Block, Street No.14, Near Delhi Police Camp, Dayal Pur Extn., Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Manju Devi for all purposes.

0040513018-3

I,Mohd Yunus Saifi S/o Mohd Yusuf

अल्प अवधि निविदा सूचना

क्रमांक: MCG/EE(S)/2019/41042 दिनांक : 19.09.2019

नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम के जौन नं. 1, 2, 3 व 4 की सीमा क्षेत्र से मूल पशु उठाने के कार्य का ठेका दिनांक 01.10.2019 को 31.03.2020 तक देने के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा की शर्तों का विवरण निम्न प्रकार से है :-

1. ठेका लेने वाले इच्छुक ठेकेदार/फर्म को अपनी दर/रेट सीलबद्ध लिफाफे में दिनांक 28.09.2019 को प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सांय 4:00 बजे तक कार्यकारी अभियन्ता (सफाई), जौन नं. 1, 2, 3 व 4, सैक्टर-34, इन्फो सिटी-1, द्वितीय तल, गुरुग्राम के कार्यालय में मु. 1,00,000/- रुपये (एक लाख रुपये) की अंतिम राशि के डिमांड ड्राफ्ट, जोकि आयुक्त, नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम के नाम देय होगा के सहित जमा करवानी होगी।
2. ठेकेदार को हर प्रकार के मृत पशु जैसे: गाय, भैंस, सांड, गधा, घोड़ा, कुत्ता, सुअर इत्यादि नगर निगम के जौन नं. 1, 2, 3 व 4 क्षेत्र से उठाने होंगे।
3. इस कार्य हेतु ठेकेदार को दो तरीके से निम्न अंकित तालिकानुसार रेट देने होंगे :-

क्र. सं.	विवरण	दर/प्रतिवर्ग
1.	यदि खाल उतारने का स्थान ठेकेदार का स्वयं का होगा तो नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम को देय राशि।	
2.	यदि खाल उतारने का स्थान निगम द्वारा उपलब्ध करवाया जाएगा तो नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम को देय राशि।	

4. इस कार्य हेतु खाल उतारने, हडिड्यो व कारकस का निष्पादन करने का स्थान ठेकेदार का अपना होगा तथा उस स्थान की स्वीकृति ठेकेदार को नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम कार्यालय से प्राप्त करनी होगी।
5. ठेकेदार खाल उतारने के बाद कारकस को प्रतिदिन कीटनाशक दवा का स्प्रे करने के उपरान्त भली-भांति गहड़े में दबाएगा, तथा इस कार्य में हरियाणा नगर निगम अधिनियम-1994 तथा हरियाणा नगर पालिका अधिनियम-1973 में वर्णित (कन्ट्रोल रेगुलेशन फाईंग बाय-लॉन्-1988) में दिए गए नियमों की तथा इस कार्य से संबंधित विभिन्न विभागों/ कोर्ट द्वारा जारी किए दिशा-निर्देशों की पालना करना अनिवार्य होगा। इस कार्य के लिए किसी भी प्रकार की उत्पन्न होने वाली न्यूसरेंस के लिए ठेकेदार स्वयं उत्तरदायी होगा।
6. आयुक्त/अतिरिक्त निगम आयुक्त, नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम को यह अधिकार होगा कि वह बिना कोई कारण बताए निविदा को रद्द कर सकते हैं।
7. सफल फर्म/ ठेकेदार को ठेके की कुल राशि एक सप्ताह के अंदर-2 निगम कोष में जमा करनी होगी अन्यथा ठेके रद्द करते हुए सफल फर्म/ ठेकेदार द्वारा जमा EMD को राशि जप्त कर ली जाएगी।
8. इस संबंध में अन्य जानकारी किसी भी कार्यदिवस में नगर निगम, कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है या कार्यकारी अभियन्ता (सफाई), मोबाईल नंबर 9821395105 पर संपर्क करके प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

हस्ता./- कार्यकारी अभियन्ता (सफाई),
नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम।

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Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited

C.G. Housing Board, Commercial Complex, North West Corner, Sector-27, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (C.G.) – 492018

Tender Notice - No/ 3168/CGMSCL / Tech/ 2019-20

Online Tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of EDL/Non-EDL drugs and consumables items Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited.

The details of tender documents can be downloaded from the Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited's website- <https://www.cgmsc.gov.in> and <https://www.eproc.cgstate.gov.in> between 19-09-2019 to 18-10-2019.

S/D
Managing Director
CGMSCL

**Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Technical Services Division
North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85
Notice Inviting e-Tenders**

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-

NIT NO. BARC/TS/51/2019-20, Name of work – Fire Alarm and Public Address System for CDM Building, BARC, Mumbai-400085., Estimated cost – ₹1,10,00,000/-; Earnest Money – ₹2,20,000/-; Period of completion – 12 months; Last date and time of submission of bid – 25.10.2019 (23:59 Hrs.).

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website www.tenderwizd.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in

Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only in the website www.tenderwizd.com/DAE

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: rudresh.tenderwizd@gmail.com

Chief Engineer

**Government of Jharkhand
Urban Development And Housing Department
Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad
e-Procurement Short Tender Notice No. DMC/50/2019-20**

NIT No. : DMC/50/2019-20 Date : 19.09.2019

क्रम सं०	Tender Reference Number	वार्ड सं०	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन राशि	परिमाणु विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति का अवधि
1	DMC/50/01/2019-20	28	राजेन्द्र सरोवर (बैकाराफ) एवं चिल्ड्रन पार्क का सौन्दर्यीकरण कार्य फेज – II	2,36,20,400.00	2% of BOQ	10000	04 माह
2	DMC/50/01/2019-20	54	Construction of Minor Bridge in Sindri Domgarh Near FCI Boundary.	1,24,71070.00	2% of BOQ	10000	06 माह

Date of Publication of Tender on website : - 23.09.2019 At 03.00 PM
Online Last Date / Time for receiving of bids - 01.10.2019 (Online) till 05:00 PM
Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender Upto 03.10.2019, 03:00 PM Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, LUBY Circular Road, MADA Building, Dhanbad
Date of Bid Opening:- 04.10.2019 at 09:00 AM (Online)

NOTE:- (i) Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in>
(ii) Contractor should be registered in appropriate class as per NIT
(iii) Estimated Cost / Quantity May Vary

S/-
**Executive Engineer,
Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad**

PR217404 Urban Development(19-20)D

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM**

Please refer to open Tender notice of even number dated 06.09.2019 which is scheduled to be opened on 30.09.2019. Due to unavoidable circumstances the work " Provision of 01 no. Escalator at Barh, 02nos. at Fatuha station, 02 no. at Patna Sahib, 02 nos. at RJPB, 04 nos. at Patna Jn. 02 nos. at Danapur station & 02 nos. at ARA (Total 15 nos.) of Danapur Division under DEN/HQ/DNR." vide item no. 04 of said tender notice is postponed till further notification. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.),
E.C. Railway, Danapur
PR/01233/DNR/ENGG/ C/19-20/20**

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TENDER NOTICE

Bank invites bids from eligible contractors for interior furnishing and electrical works of Retail & MSME Hub at Rohini, New Delhi. For further details, refer **Tenders** on Bank's website i.e www.psbindia.com

AGM (GA)

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

E-Tender No. N-2019-20-13 Sr. DSTE-MLG Dated: 17-09-2019 Open E-Tenders are invited by Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/N.F. Railway/Mailgoan for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: **Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 47 Nos. Kiroloskar make 15 KVA & 5 KVA Environment friendly DG sets for a period of 03 (three) years in Agthori-Dharantul section of Lumding division. **Tender Value:** ₹25,28,796/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹50,000/-, **Date and time of Closing of E-Tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 09-10-2019 and opened at 15.30 hrs. of 09-10-2019. For details please visit in website www.irops.gov.in

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ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के.वी. विद्युत उपस्थान, बाई-पास रोड, सिकन्दरा, आगरा -282007 (ई-मेल : dvvnagrat@gmail.com)

निविदा सूचना अप्रोवाइन्स/कार्पोरेशन द्वारा निम्नलिखित विवरणानुसार दो भागों में प्रतिस्पर्धित एवं योग्य आपूर्तिकर्ताओं/निर्माताओं से निम्न सामग्री क्रय करने हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:- ● ई-निविदा सं० **DVNNL-MM/2442-2019** सामग्री: कम्प्यूटर (डेस्कटॉप) समस्त सामग्री सहित मात्रा- 248 नमू, प्रिंटर सेजर जेट (1020) मात्रा- 194 नमू, स्कैनर (ए4 साइज) मात्रा- 82 नमू, सैफ्टपेन-13, 6 Generation मात्रा- 528 नमू, 3 केवीए यूपीएस मात्रा- 284 नमू, रैक साइज (6U) मात्रा- 84 नमू, धुरोहर राशि: ₹ 7,30,000/-, निविदा शुल्क: ₹ 5,900/- (जी.एस.टी. सहित), निविदा खुलने की दिनांक: 14.10.2019. निविदा शुल्क निगम की वेबसाइट www.dvnnl.org के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड के लिए निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। उपरोक्त निविदा निर्धारित तिथि को 13.00 बजे तक केवल ऑनलाइन माध्यम से जमा की जायेगी तथा जमा दिनांक दोपहर 16.00 बजे ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से खोली जायेगी। हस्ता. असीक्षण अभियन्ता (साओप्र)-1। अधिक जानकारी हेतु कृपया <https://tender.up.nic.in> एवं www.dvnnl.org की लिंक-इन करें। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव" पराजक:13020/असी0 अभि0 (साओप्र)-1/आगरा/विज्ञापन/19.09.2019

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE**

Notice Inviting Open Tender, On Line (E-Tendering), Danapur Division (Engineering Dept.).

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractors with experience, financial capability including those registered / working with Railway/Irrigation/ CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following works :-

Tender Notice No. : W-7/E-Tender/14/ Open/DNR/2019-20

Sl. No. : 1. Name of the Work with its location : Provision of 01 no. Escalator at Barh, 02 Nos. at Fatuha station, 02 no. at Patna Sahib, 02 nos. at RJPB, 04 nos. at Patna Jn, 02 nos. at Danapur station & 02 nos. at ARA (Total 15 nos.) of Danapur Division under DEN/HQ/DNR., **Approx. Cost of work :** 5,39,64,354.14, **Earnest Money to be deposited :** 4,19,900/-

Sl. No. : 2. Name of the Work with its location : Improvement of drain in Neora, Lanka, Medical, East Colony and Officer's Colony of Railway quarters at Danapur, **Approx. Cost of work :** 6,85,23,440.32, **Earnest Money to be deposited :** 4,92,700/-

● **Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender :** The tender have to be submitted online on www.irops.gov.in. Upto 12.00 hrs. On the date of opening i.e. 15.10.2019 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs.

● **Website particulars.** Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : 1. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: <http://www.irops.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.),
E.C. Railway, Danapur
PR/1231/DNR/ENGG/T19-20/60**

**झारखण्ड सरकार, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग
झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण, राँची
तृतीय तल, एफ.ए.ए.सी. भवन, धूर्वा, राँची- 834005**

ई-निविदा सूचना, PR No- 2043336

पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना- 09/2019 दिनांक:-

1. जिला सहित कार्य का नाम (पथ/पुल निर्माण कार्य जो प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के तहत पाँच वर्ष मरम्मत कार्य सहित है):

XV- Batch-III

क्र. सं०	जिला का नाम	प्रखण्ड का नाम	पैकेज संख्या	पथ का नाम	लंबाई (कि०मी० में)	पथ की राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन राशि	समय सीमा (माह में)
1.	झजारीबाग	कटकमसाडी	JH-XV-III-HAZ-17	L077-T04 5 th Km to Dumri	3.00	116.34	2.33	8
2	सिमडेगा	टी० टांगर	JH-XV-III-SIM-33	L138-L039 (Deobahar) to Shrawantoli	1.10	100.27	2.01	8
	सिमडेगा	टी० टांगर		L073-Karanjo to Bijadih	1.50			
	सिमडेगा	टी० टांगर	JH-XV-III-SIM-34	T20-T02 (Ghut bahar) to Dobha Pani	0.80			
3.	सिमडेगा	टी० टांगर		L071-T01 (Kasdega) to Patratoli	1.50	107.82	2.16	8
	सिमडेगा	टी० टांगर		L139-L057 to Suiyatoli	0.60			

फेज- XV- Batch-II

क्र. सं०	पैकेज संख्या/ जिला	कार्य का नाम	प्राकलित राशि (लाख में)	अंक में	अवधि (माह में)
4.	JH-XV-II-HZB-08 (झजारीबाग, पदमा)	(JH11SIP147) L063-L030 से कनौली(VR52) (लंबा-1.42कि०मी०)	65.55	रुपय पैसद लाख पचास हजार मात्र	06
5.	JH-XV-II-HZB-10 (झजारीबाग, पदमा)	(JH11SIP195) L032-T01 PWD पथ से बन्दरगाह (लंबा-1.74कि०मी०)	72.95	रुपय बहतर लाख पचास हजार मात्र	06

फेज- XV- Batch-I

क्र. सं०	पैकेज संख्या/ जिला	कार्य का नाम	प्राकलित राशि (लाख में)	अंक में	अवधि (माह में)
6.	JH-XV-I-PAL-06 (पलामू, गारन)	(JH17SP161) L063- BT पथ से नवडीला (VR54) (4.80 कि०मी०)	137.43	रुपय एक करोड़ सौतीस लाख तेतारिस् हजार मात्र	08

फेज- XVI (Batch-I) (2018-19)

क्र. सं०	पैकेज संख्या/ जिला	कार्य का नाम	प्राकलित राशि (लाख में)	अंक में	अवधि (माह में)
7.	JH2TKE154 (धरमा, पलवगंगा)	L027- कोरामे से मेराल (VR27) (लंबा-7.75 कि०मी०)	383.41	रुपय तीन करोड़ तेरतीस लाख एकताहिस हजार मात्र	11

2. निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि/ समय 01.10.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक। 3. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन 20.09.2019।

4. निविदा राशि: शपथ पत्र एवं अग्रघन जमा करने की तिथि 03.10.2019 के अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।

5. तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि 04.10.2019 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रण पदाधिकारी का नाम- मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण, तृतीय तल, एफ.ए.ए.सी. भवन, धूर्वा, राँची। 7. सभी निविदाओं में निर्धारित अवधि के अन्तर्गत Grievance/Complain केवल jh-itno@pmgsy.nic.in में Email के माध्यम से स्वीकार किया जायेगा। 8. ई-निविदा कार्यालय/ सेल का सम्पर्क संख्या- 0651-2401947।

9. UCAN is compulsory for contractors registered in Jharkhand 10. Pledging of FD is also acceptable

मुख्य अभियंता
जोन्सऑरऑरऑरऑर, राँची।

P.R.217369 Rural Work Department(19-20)-D **बुंद- बुंद नहीं बरसे तो बुंद को तरसे**

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

The Chief Engineer (SZ) HPPWD Shimla on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T/Railways /other State Govt /Central Govt agencies. Non registered bidders may submit bid, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.	District/ Division	Package No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs.Lakh)	Total Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion of Construction (Days)	Bid Security (Rs. Lakh)	Cost of Form (Non-Refundable) (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Nahan	HP10173	Construction of balance work of Halonipul Dahar road Km. 0.10 to 15/0 (SH- M/T Works, R/Wall and B/Wall PCC V-Shape Drain PCC Paraets, Logo Board, KM stone, Hume Pipe culvert with wing wall etc and routine maintenance under PMGSY Package No. HP10173	665.04	83.64	748.68	510	14.97
			Total:-	665.04	83.64	748.68		

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **18th Sep., 2019 at 10.30 A.M.**
3. **Cost of Bid Form:** Cost of Bid form in shape of Demand Draft in favour of concerned Executive Engineers in respective Division
4. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in
5. **Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering.** Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
6. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, 12th Circle HPPWD, Nahan, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.
7. **Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering:** Last date/time for receipt of bids through e-tendering:- **19th Oct, 2019 at 10.30 A.M.**
8. The site for the work is available.
9. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at **11.00 A.M. on 21st Oct, 2019** in the office of Superintending Engineer, 12th Circle HPPWD Nahan by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.
10. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.
11. **All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.**
12. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.
13. To qualify for a package of contract made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
14. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Sd/- (Mahesh Singhal)
Superintending Engineer,
12th Circle HPPWD Nahan
Tel 01702-222826, Fax 01702-222581, E-mail hp-nah@nic.in
For Chief Engineer HPPWD Shimla
Nirman Bhawan. Nigam Vihar Shimla -171002

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**No. PR/Advt/(48)/09/Vol-VIII
HARYANA WAQF BOARD
(Established by Home and Administration of Justice Deptt., Government of Haryana)
50, Sardar Patel Marg, Ambala Cantt. – 133001
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

The Haryana Waqf Board invites bids from the prospective lessees under Rule (6) of the Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014 as amended by the Waqf Properties Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2015 waqf properties located in Sonapat, Kurukshetra, Tohana, Hisar, Panipat, Nuh (Mewat), Rewari, Jhajjar Circles of Haryana Waqf Board. Circle-wise details of these waqf properties, which include nature of the property, location, area, purpose of lease, period of lease, reserve lease rent etc. are given in the table below.

Name of District	Sr. No. of Property	Area Description & location of the waqf property	Purpose of Lease	Period of lease	Reserve Lease Rent per Month/ per annum in Rs.	Reserve % for increase in Lease Rent Per Annum	Earnest Money (20% annual reserve lease rent in Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sonepat	1	Kh. Nos. 431, 432, 433 (Resi. – 111.67 Sq. Yds. + Comm. – 113.33 Sq. Yds.)	Residential -cum-Commercial	Three years	7150/- PM	5%	17,160/-
	2	Kh. No. 80 min 114.92 Sq. Yds. (Resi. – G. Floor 14.92 Sq. Yds. with 1st floor 114.92 Sq. Yds. + Industrial - 100 Sq. Yds.)	Residential -cum- Industrial	Three years	1300/- PM	5%	3120/-
Sonepat	1	Kh. No. 52/6/1	Residential	Three years	4310/- PM	5%	10,344/-
	2	Kh. No. 52/7/1	Residential	Three years	4310/- PM	5%	10,344/-
	3	Kh. Nos. 45/14/2, 45/17/1	Agriculture	Three years	16000/- PA	5%	3200/-
Sonepat	1	Kh. Nos. 39/5, 6/11	Agriculture	Three years	25,000/- PA	5%	5000/-
	2	Kh. No. 4031	Residential -cum-Commercial	Three years	6510/- PM	5%	15624/-
	3	Kh. No. 4031	Commercial	Three years	2885/- PM	5%	6450/-
Kurukshetra	1	Property No. B-5/397	Commercial	Three years	1550/- PM	5%	3720/-
	2	Kh. No. 42/10	Agricultural	Three years	11000/- PA	5%	2200/-
	3	Kh. No. 141	Commercial	Three years	2667/- PM	5%	6410/-
	4	Kh. No. 141	Commercial	Three years	1735/- PM	5%	4164/-
	5	Kh. No. 62/23	Agricultural	Three years	16000/- PA	5%	3200/-
	6	Kh. No. 24/24/2, 23/3 min	Agricultural	Three years	20000/- PA	5%	4000/-
	7	Kh.No.50/12/2, 19, 8, 22/1, 2.3.18 min,13	Agricultural	Three years	82,600/- PA	5%	16,520/-
	8	Kh. No. 141	Residential	Three years	1300/- PM	5%	3120/-
	9	Kh. No. 141	Commercial -cum-Open passage	Three years	38,050/- PM	5%	91,320/-
	10	Kh. No. 141	Commercial (Hotel) -cum-Residential	Three years	5835/- PM	5%	14,004/-
	11	Kh. No. 141	Commercial	Three years	734/- PM	5%	1762/-
	12	Kh. No. 141	Commercial (Petrol pump) + Open passage	Three years	31,667/- PM	5%	76,000/-
	13	Kh. No. 141	Commercial -cum- Residential	Three years	7,400/- PM	5%	17,760/-
	14	Kh. No.141	Commercial -cum-Residential	Three years	7400/- PM	5%	16,760/-
	15	Kh. No.191	Commercial	Three years	1420/- PM	5%	3600/-
	16	Kh. No.146	Commercial	Three years	1275/- PM	5%	3200/-
	17	Kh.No.32/21/2, 22/1	Agricultural	Three years	17500/- PA	5%	3500/-
	18	Kh.No.22/25, 21/21, 22/25 min, 29/5, 6/15, 30/1, 10, 11	Agricultural	Three years	61355/- PA	5%	12300/-
Tohana	1	Kh. Nos. 351/17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 352/18, 15, 13/2	Agriculture	Three years	79450/- PA (2019-20 to 2021-22)	5%	16000/-
	2	352/23, 24, 25	Agriculture	Three years	25,740/- PA (2019-20 to 2021-22		

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SENSEX: 36,093.47 ▼ 470.41 NIFTY: 10,704.80 ▼ 135.85 NIKKEI: 22,044.45 ▲ 83.74 HANG SENG: 26,468.95 ▼ 285.17 FTSE: 7,360.25 ▲ 46.20 DAX: 12,434.93 ▲ 44.14

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹38,454	₹71.24	\$63.67	₹47,310
Indian basket as on September 18, 2019			

International market data till 1900 IST

RBI HAS ALREADY REDUCED REPO RATE BY 110 BPS IN 2019 TILL NOW

With inflation below 4% target, ‘there’s room for more rate cuts’: RBI Governor

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

AFTER SLASHING the key policy rate — Repo rate — four times in a row this year to revive growth and investments, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday hinted that there could be more reduction in the policy rate in the near future in the wake of low inflation and the deepening slowdown in the economy.

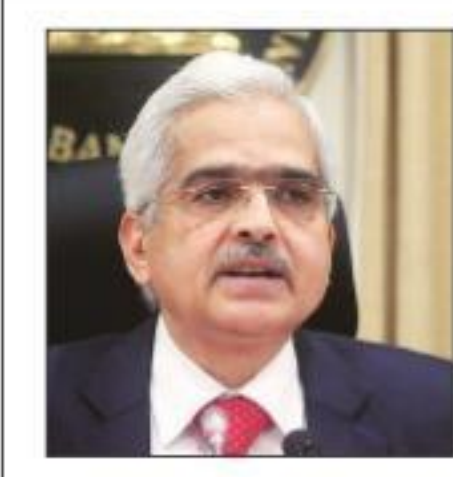
“When we see that the price stability is maintained and inflation is much below the 4-per cent mandate and is expected to be so in the next 12-month horizon, there’s a room for more rate cuts especially when growth has slowed down,” Das said at the India Economic Summit of Bloomberg. With inflation under control and growth rate declining, the central bank has reduced the Repo rate by 110 basis points to 5.40 per cent in calendar year 2019, with the last cut being the unconventional 35-basis point reduction on August 7.

The Governor’s comments have come at a time when the first quarter GDP growth slowed to a 6-year low of 5 per cent and last month exports showed degrowth for the first time. Many sectors, including automobiles, have witnessed demand slowdown, prompting the Centre to step in with measures to tackle the deepening slowdown. Total advance tax collection in the first half stood at Rs 5.5 lakh crore compared to Rs 5.25 lakh crore in the same period last year, a growth of just 4.7

EXPLAINED

Monetary policy may lift growth as fiscal space limited

IN THE BACKDROP of stretched fiscal position of the Central government, the RBI indicated that the banking regulator could do the heavy lifting to push growth that has fallen to 25-quarter low of 5 per cent in April-June. Low inflation and stable prices could help the RBI in providing a monetary policy stimulus by sharply cutting rates, thereby invigorating consumption and investment activity.



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SHAKTIKANTA DAS,
GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

per cent against a target of 17.5 per cent. However, Das refused to give any estimate or forecast about the growth, saying, “our teams are analysing the data... wait till October 4 when the monetary policy will be announced.”

Das said that the government’s fiscal headroom is “very limited”. “I think the fiscal space is itself very limited. Fiscal deficit at 3.3 per cent and borrowings by PSUs both put together there is very little space. But what is the internal position of

the government with regard to tax collection, how much expenditure is likely to be materialised, that is something the government has to view,” he said.

“On the fiscal side the government has by and large remained prudent. They have not announced any counter cyclical measures in going for a fiscal expansion. They have taken some administrative and regulator measures with regard to auto sector, exports and banking,” he said.

There is little fiscal space for the government to unveil any countercyclical measures to boost the sagging growth and the only way to revive the growth engine is to front-load the budgeted capital expenditure by the government, he said, hinting that an accommodative monetary policy can help salvage the situation.

“The government must front-load the budgeted spending as it has little fiscal space for any countercyclical measures to boost growth,” he said.

When asked his view on the “grim” state of the economy, the RBI Governor said the mood of gloom and doom won’t help fix the problems. “You mention the economy being grim enough ... I don’t want to enter into any adjective to describe the current state of the economy. There are challenges but one also has to look at the opportunities that are available. And the focus has to be on the measures to overcome the challenges. That should be the focus of every stakeholder in the economy,” he said.

The Governor expressed the hope that the ongoing crisis in Saudi Arabia that has spiked crude prices to multi-year highs will have limited impact on inflation and fiscal numbers.

On the global scenario, Das said the international environment is clouded with challenging conditions.

“Global growth is slowing down and central banks across the world are countering it by easing monetary policy. But, there is no recession yet,” he said.

NBFC crisis: Banks may have to take larger haircut

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das has said banks may have to take a larger haircut in troubled non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) which are facing governance issues.

“The resolution will have to be market-based. In this, the banks and other lenders will have a major role to play. Because in NBFCs where there are major governance issues, in such cases they need to take a larger haircut,” Das said at the India Economic Forum Summit of Bloomberg.

The RBI Governor said that the central bank will step in to take action on the NBFC problem only when it is required to.

“The first preference will be to a market mechanism to resolve the NBFC problem. Market mechanism would basically mean that the existing promoter go for stake sales, bring in new promoters or they bring new money in their set up. There has to be inflow of resources either by stake sale or going for securitisation of assets,” he said.

Weak tax collection data, cloudy US Fed outlook pull Sensex down 470 points

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

STOCK MARKETS on Thursday plunged further as lukewarm tax collection data, hawkish commentary from the US Federal Reserve and incessant foreign fund outflows prompted investors to rush to the exit door.

After swinging 626 points, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 470.41 points, or 1.29 per cent, lower at 36,093.47. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty plunged 135.85 points, or 1.25 per cent, to settle at 10,704.80. The previous closing low for Nifty was 10,604.35 on February 19, 2019. With this, the Sensex has fallen around 1,300 points this week with the drone attacks on Saudi Arabian oil installations pulling down Sensex by over 900 points on Monday and Tuesday.

The Centre’s direct tax mobilisation showed just 4.7 per cent growth till September 17, compared to a target of 17.5 per cent budgeted for the full year. Analysts said the tepid tax collection reflects deepening slump in demand and the overall growth.

Ajit Mishra, vice-president, research, Religare Broking, said, “Local cues dictated the market trend as the report on low tax collection and IMD’s report on floods damaging crops dented the sentiment. And the news of rate cut by the US Fed also failed to provide any solace as it was largely on the expected lines. All the sectoral indices traded under pressure and ended with deep cuts.”

“Markets are in bad shape and

FPIs SELL SHARES
WORTH NET OF ₹959 CR

■ Foreign portfolio investors sold shares worth a net of Rs 959.09 crore on Wednesday, while domestic institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 780.45 crore, according to provisional data

we feel the situation may deteriorate further in the absence of any major positive. The recent fall indicates prevailing uneasiness among the participants, who are hoping for some major announcements from the government to arrest the slowdown signals,” Mishra said.

“Lower tax collection figures spooked markets today as FII continued selling in key pivots, dragging down indices. Exposure of many private sector banks towards commercial real estate further accentuated selling towards afternoon trade across these counters. Investors are getting jittery on PSU names as they keep losing market capitalisation rapidly,” said S Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities. Sectorally, BSE energy, oil and gas, bankex, metal, realty, auto, healthcare, tech and IT indices cracked up to 2 per cent. Telecom was the sole gainer, inching up 0.17 per cent. The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices ended up to 1.48 per cent lower.

Although the US Federal Reserve slashed the policy rate by 25 basis points on Wednesday, it dimmed hopes for further rate cuts as it took a cautious approach to further reductions in borrowing costs. Yes Bank, the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, plunged 15.52 per cent after a Moody’s report said Altico default may be credit negative for banks given its significant exposure to the real estate sector. IndusInd Bank, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank too fell up to 3.59 per cent. Tata Steel, Maruti, SBI, RIL, Tech Mahindra, ONGC, Vedanta, Bajaj Finance, Hero MotoCorp and TCS fell up to 3.66 per cent.

Foreign portfolio investors sold shares worth a net of Rs 959.09 crore on Wednesday, while domestic institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 780.45 crore, provisional data showed. Brent crude futures gained \$1.78 to \$65.38 a barrel by 1219 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was up \$1.28 at \$59.39 a barrel. Meanwhile, the rupee fell 10 paise to close at 71.34 against the US dollar on Thursday as heavy selling in domestic equities, unabated foreign fund outflows and rising crude oil prices kept investors edgy.

Forex traders said investors also turned cautious after the US Federal Reserve dimmed hopes of further rate cuts. “Since the morning, rupee has been tracking the move in crude. Overnight drop in oil led rupee to appreciate. However, the escalating tensions in Middle East limited the gains in rupee,” said Rahul Gupta, currency research head, Emkay Global Financial Services.

Airfield pavement management system in India for the first time

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE AIRPORTS Authority of India (AAI), along with the CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRRI), is set to install airfield pavement management systems (APMS), in a first, at 10 airports across India.

Chennai, Surat, Kolkata, Gaggal, Imphal, Agartala, Vadodara, Rajahmundry, Khajuraho and Gaya are the shortlisted medium traffic airports

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to meet international standards as pavements have a significant impact on airport users’ cost, safety, traffic delay, commercial performance and reputation. Keeping in view the above facts, initially, 10 airports across the country are set to have the APMS.”

Satish Chandra, director at CRRRI (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) said, “Around 10 airports in India will have APMS initially. (The) initiative... to tie up with the AAI for such an initiative (is happening) for the first time. We are planning to start once after the airport locations are confirmed.”

“The AAI has decided to develop its maintenance plans. This will ensure the durability of the runways and ensure safe landing and take-offs,” said Pradeep Kumar, senior principal scientist and head, pavement evaluation at CRRRI-CSIR. Kumar added that a state-of-the-art network survey vehicle system, equipped with laser sensors, pavement surface imaging tools, GPS and structural condition data based on FWD equipment, will be used for health monitoring of the runway pavement network. “Various parameters

like runway pavement surface distress, profile, friction, pavement classification number, along with some health indicators, will be used to get the rating score to decide the maintenance strategies scientifically. Some medium traffic airports were shortlisted,” said Kumar.

Pathak added: “Airfield pavements comprise multiple layers of engineered materials, such as asphalt, concrete and granular materials, designed to carry aircraft loading. Pavements deteriorate with time under loading and from environmental variations. Maintenance and rehabilitation are required to maintain serviceability throughout the pavement asset’s life.”

The project fieldwork is expected to start in October and will continue for three years. The budget has been set at Rs 4.5 crore. Pathak further added that as per prevalent practice, the full length of the pavement would be resurfaced after a certain period or in case of deterioration and with APMS, the weak portion could be identified well in advance to take up necessary rehabilitation or repair measures for that particular area.

With American and European countries having their own pavement management systems, India is not too late to start to ensure safety managements. Kumar added that the civil aviation ministry initiated the process. “The damages or faults in the pavements can be identified well in advance, which will help to avoid complete revamping of the pavement,” said Kumar.

‘Realtors’ rising cash-crunch poses more risks to banks

Default by real estate-focused non-banking financier Altico Capital indicates the rising cash crunch with developers, which is credit negative for banks given their exposure to realty sector, according to a Moody’s report

POOR LIQUIDITY had last week forced Altico Capital to default on an under-Rs 20-crore scheduled interest payment on an ECB loan from Mashreq Bank of the UAE

OVER ₹4,500 CR: Altico owes to the credit market. Banks’ exposure to the firm is fairly modest and accounts for less than 0.1% of total banking system loans

THE FIRM’S default comes after Dewan Housing Finance, with significant exposure to real estate developers, defaulted on its loan obligations from June because of insufficient liquidity, raising questions about its solvency



BANKS ALSO have indirect exposure to the real estate sector through their lending to NBFCs and HFCs, which also lend to developers

6% of their total assets of NBFCs and HFCs

exposed to the real estate sector as of March 2019, according to the Reserve Bank data

HOWEVER, SOME NBFCs and HFCs are more exposed than others, making them

vulnerable to a slowdown in the sector, the report said

IN RESPONSE to the tightening liquidity in the realty sector, the government on September 13 announced creation of an investment fund to provide soft loans to residential real estate developers unable to access new funding to complete their partially-constructed affordable housing projects

UNDER THE plan, the government will contribute Rs 10,000 crore to the fund and expects a similar amount from entities, including the LIC, banks and other development institutions

US, Chinese trade deputies to face off in Washington

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 19

US AND Chinese deputy trade negotiators were set to resume face-to-face talks for the first time in nearly two months on Thursday, as the world’s two largest economies try to bridge deep policy differences and find a way out of a bitter and protracted trade war.

The negotiations, on Thursday and Friday, are aimed at laying the groundwork for high-level talks in early October that will determine whether the two countries are working to-

ward a solution or headed for new and higher tariffs on each other’s goods.

A delegation of about 30 Chinese officials, led by Vice Finance Minister Liao Min, arrived at the US Trade Representative’s (USTR) office near the White House for the talks. Deputy US Trade Representative Jeffrey Gerrish also arrived to represent the US.

The discussions are likely to focus heavily on agriculture, including US demands that China substantially increase purchases of American soybeans and other farm commodities, a person with knowledge of the planned

discussions told Reuters.

Two negotiating sessions over the two days will cover agricultural issues, while just one will be devoted to the strengthening of China’s intellectual property protections and the forced transfer of US technology to Chinese firms.

“Sessions on agriculture will get a disproportionate amount of air time,” the source said, adding that one of these sessions also will include a focus on US President Donald Trump’s demand that China cut off shipments of the synthetic opioid fentanyl to the United States.

The president is eager to pro-

vide export opportunities for US farmers, a key Trump political constituency that has been battered by China’s retaliatory tariffs on US soybeans and other agricultural commodities.

US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, in an interview on Fox Business Network on Thursday, said it remained unclear what China wanted and that “we will find out very, very shortly in the next couple of weeks.”

“What we need is to correct the big imbalances, not just the current trade deficit,” Ross said. “It’s more complicated than just buying a few more soybeans.”

THE APP AND IRREGULAR HEART RHYTHM NOTIFICATION FEATURE WILL HELP USERS IDENTIFY SIGNS OF AFIB

Apple brings ECG app to India, will be available on Watch Series 4 and 5

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

APPLE HAS finally received permission to launch its ECG app and irregular heart rhythm notification feature for Indian Apple Watch users. From Thursday night, the feature is live for users of Apple Watch Series 4 with a software update. The new Apple Watch Series 5, which starts selling from September 27, will ship with the features.

“The process was to work with the authorities to submit the appropriate certifications and clinical data to make sure we stick to the medically required standards, which we did,” Sumbul Desai, Apple’s vice-president of health, explained to indianexpress.com. She said the other part of the process was to ensure the users got an “amazing experience” when it was launched in India, and they were ready to answer any questions customers might have. “We wanted to make sure

we had all the pieces in place before we launched in India,” she said, adding that the process of getting the permission was relatively smooth in India.

The ECG app and irregular heart rhythm notification (IRN) feature will help users identify signs of AFib, the most common form of irregular rhythm and the leading cause of strokes.

While the ECG is a user-initiated process on the Apple Watch, the irregular rhythm



Sumbul Desai, Apple’s Vice-President of Health.

notification feature checks heart rhythms in the background and alerts users if an irregular heart rhythm is identified.

The ECG app classifies the reading as sinus rhythm or AFib and gives a full reading which can be shared with medical professionals if needed.

Apple is categorical that the Watch cannot alert of a possible heart attack. Reiterating this, Dr Desai said: “We would never want this to replace a physician. This is really meant

to be used as augmentation to supplement a physician.”

She said given the prevalence of heart disease and AFib in India, the feature could have a “significant impact”.

“And we really hope to be able to allow our customers to use it, and then share that information with the doctors. But hopefully they know something about their heart health sooner and can avoid any potential conditions.”

The ECG feature was launched with the Apple Watch

Series 4, which started selling in 2018.

However, the feature, which had FDA clearance, was rolled out only in the United States then. Electrodes built into the back crystal and Digital Crown of the new Apple watches work together with the ECG app to enable customers to take an ECG. Users have to open the app on the watch and hold the crown and side of the watch together for 30 seconds to create a circuit and get the reading.

CHAired BY HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH

Group of Ministers on Air India meets, discusses modalities for airline’s sale

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE GROUP of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah for the disinvestment of Air India met at North Block on Thursday to discuss the airline's sale. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

Sources said that the ministers discussed modalities for the sale of Air India, which has a debt burden of over Rs 58,000 crore. In 2018-19 alone, Air India incurred losses of around Rs

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management has already prepared a fresh proposal for the sale of Air India

7,600 crore.

"I am not in a position to make any announcement. Please allow the process to move forward. However, it was a productive meeting where all issues concerned were discussed. The process will commence now," Puri told reporters after the hour-long meeting. The government invited bids from investors in 2018 to buy-out the government's 76 per cent stake in the debt-ridden airline, along with

management control. However, the process failed as investors did not submit bids.

Following that, a report was prepared by a private entity citing probable reasons that led to the failure of the sale process. The reasons cited included the government retaining a 24 per cent stake and corresponding rights, high debt, volatile crude oil prices, fluctuations in exchange rate, changes in macro environment and restriction on bidding

by individuals.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management has already prepared a fresh proposal for the Air India sale, incorporating issues like crude oil prices and exchange rate volatility.

This time, the government could sell its entire 100 per cent stake in Air India as it aims to conclude the process by December 2019, sources said.

However, a final call on the quantum of stake to be offered to investors and the right time for floating the expression of interest would be decided by the newly constituted Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism, the sources said.

Tata Motors revs up for EV space, launches new powertrain

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

TATA MOTORS on Thursday said it will launch an electric vehicle (EV) early next year, based on a new powertrain technology it has developed to grow its portfolio of clean energy cars.

The company's new EV powertrain will power a range of its upcoming models, including a new model scheduled for the fourth quarter.

Ziptron, the soon-to-be introduced EV powertrain, will help it drive economies of scale on one hand and make new EVs more affordable for consumers on the other, the company said.

Ziptron offers efficient high voltage system, better performance, long-range and fast charging, and a battery warranty of eight years, and adherence to the IP67 standard.

Announcing the launch, Tata Motors managing director and CEO, Guenter Butschek, said, "Ziptron is designed in-

Ziptron, the soon-to-be introduced EV powertrain, will help drive economies of scale and make new EVs more affordable for consumers, the firm said

house utilising our global engineering network. At the heart of our future EV line-up, this technology has been tested across 1 million km proving its reliability. With this, we hope to usher in a new wave of e-mobility and accelerate faster adoption of EVs."

Ziptron technology comprises an efficient permanent magnet AC motor providing superior performance on demand. It also offers best-in-industry dust- and water-proof battery system meeting the IP67 standards. Further, it also employs smart regenerative braking to charge the battery while on the drive, he said.

BoE keeps rates steady, warns Brexit delay would hurt growth

REUTERS
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

THE BANK of England said Brexit uncertainty was causing slack to re-emerge in Britain's economy and damaging productivity, and a failure to reach a transition deal by October 31 could lead to further weakness.

The nine members of the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee voted to keep rates on hold at 0.75 per cent in September's policy decision, and reiterated a warning that leaving the European Union without a deal would slow

growth and raise prices. However, they noted for the first time in more detail the damage that a delay in leaving the EU would also do, after parliament voted to require Prime Minister Boris Johnson to postpone Brexit if he cannot reach a deal with Brussels soon. "Political events could lead to a further period of entrenched uncertainty," the BoE said.

"The longer those uncertainties persisted, particularly in an environment of weaker global growth, the more likely it was that demand growth would remain below potential, increasing excess supply."

BoJ keeps policy steady

REUTERS
TOKYO, SEPTEMBER 19

THE BANK of Japan kept monetary policy steady on Thursday but signaled the chance of expanding stimulus as early as its next policy meeting in October by issuing a stronger warning over the risks threatening the economy.

As expected, the BoJ maintained its short-term interest rate target at -0.1 per cent and a pledge to guide 10-year government

bond yields around 0 per cent under its yield curve control (YCC) policy. Announcing its decision, the central bank said in a statement that it was becoming necessary to pay "closer attention" to the chance that the economy will lose sufficient momentum to achieve the BoJ's 2 per cent inflation target. "Taking this situation into account, the BoJ will re-examine economic and price developments at its next policy meeting" when it reviews its long-term growth and price forecasts, it said.

Wage growth in FY18 falls for fifth year in a row

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

WAGE GROWTH in India's organised manufacturing sector slowed for the fifth year in a row in FY18, the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) showed. According to the Survey data, per-capita wage growth for industrial workers rose 6.05 per cent in FY18 compared with 6.2 per cent in FY17 and 7.2 per cent in FY16. Wage growth had peaked at 16 per cent in FY13, according to the ASI data.

Per-capita wage has been worked out by dividing 'wages to workers' by the 'number of workers' in a year. The survey, one of the most important source of industrial statistics, covered 2,37,684 units in FY18. While wage growth is on the decline, the number of workers employed across the organised manufacturing units rose 4.81 per cent in FY18, fastest rate since FY11.

Number of workers rose 4.8 per cent to 1.22 crore in FY18, up from 1.17 crore in FY17. Top five employment-intensive industries, including textiles, apparel, food products and metallic mineral products, accounted for 45 per cent of all industrial jobs in FY18.

The survey is conducted by the statistics and programme implementation ministry.

Joblessness in the country rose to 45-year high in FY18, with the unemployment rate among the labour force at 6.1 per cent, the new Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data released on May 31, showed. According to the data, 7.8 per cent of all employable urban youth were jobless in FY18, while the corresponding figure for rural India was 5.3 per cent. **FE**

Google brings 'Jobs' feature on Pay, Assistant comes to phones without Net

SHRUTIDHAPOLA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

GOOGLE'S AI-DRIVEN voice Assistant will be available for all users in India, expanding to even those without a smartphone or internet on their mobiles. The Google Assistant Phone line will allow subscribers on the Vodafone-Idea network to call up the AI-voice assistant and ask questions for their queries to be answered.

Google also showcased a new 'Jobs' Spot feature built into its Google Pay application as its annual 'Google for India' event in New Delhi, along with other India-specific features for its products. "We introduced Assistant in Hindi and added another eight regional languages. Hindi is now the second most used language for the system globally — only after English — and across all devices. It's a testament to the growth that we're seeing in the market," Manuel Bronstein, vice-president, product management, Google Assistant, revealed in an interaction with *indianexpress.com* ahead of the announcements.

Regarding the Vodafone-Idea phone line, he said it would be free of cost. Bronstein revealed that Google initially ran a pilot of this feature in Lucknow and Kanpur. The new feature is aimed at users who have poor internet connectivity or have feature phones or those still on 2G phones where Google Assistant might not always work online.

Users will be able to dial 00808009191000 to connect to

the Vodafone-Idea Phone Line with Google Assistant. The phone line will work in English and Hindi. The Assistant phone line will help subscribers get information like weather details, traffic updates, which shops are open, answers to math problems, and even read out news articles, just like it does on the phone.

When asked about the pilot study, Bronstein said that they saw a lot of people looking for help. "Parents tried to help their kids with homework. We saw people asking about sports scores or asking about whether a store was open," he said, adding: "People didn't just ask one question, they asked multiple questions."

The Job feature is built into the Google Pay app, which has 67 million users in India, according to the company. The Jobs feature is currently restricted to Delhi-NCR in terms of results and will show jobs in retail, hospitality, logistics, among others for jobs that are not typically listed online. Google says that the idea is to help first-timers in the job hunt.

Google has partnered players like Zomato, Swiggy, Dunzo, 24Seven, Ritu Kumar, and FabHotels for now. Google has 25 partners for the Jobs Spot feature. Once a user is onboarded to the Jobs Spot on Google Pay, the app will recommend jobs based on their skills, learning and interests. "We start recommending jobs to them. This is as opposed to them having to search for jobs. There's actually no queries involved, which is quite strange for Google," explained Bicky Russell, project lead of jobs/Kormo in an interaction with *indianexpress.com*.

‘We are seeing Indian merchants have become very smart digitally’

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

GOOGLE HAS enabled a new spot platform to let businesses engage with customers in a better way and within the Google Pay app.

"We realised they (businesses) were facing a number of challenges now, whether that is to do with finding new customers, or connecting with their existing customers. So this feature is going to be very interesting, particularly with the way it connects the offline to the online

world," Caesar Sengupta, general manager, payments and vice president, Next Billion Users told *indianexpress.com*.

Google will give businesses the ability to create spot cards that let a user scan or tap via NFC to become part of the digital experience the business is offering, he added. "I think this kind of a platform will create lots of new kinds of experiences," Sengupta agreed that enabling this level of digitisation meant there would be a "huge amount of user education required". "We are doing that, we are hand holding them

with the programmes like digital unlock in, telling them how to digitise, how to think about customer support, or think about really using digital channels, not just our products, any product."

But Sengupta said small Indian businesses have also evolved. "It has changed dramatically, it's moving really fast. And we actually see merchants being very smart digitally." He said while they might not understand the technology behind it, they understand what it can do for them.

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**
(POWER WING)
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No.: 464/PHD/Pong-331 Dated : 12-09-2019
Name of Office: Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plant) Dte BBMB (PW), Flat No. 75, SLDC Complex, BBMB, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh. Tel. Fax: 0172-2637035
Name of Work: Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of complete new ventilation System and dismantling of existing ventilation system equipment for Bhakra Right Bank Power House, Ganguwal & Kotla Power Houses of BBMB.

Tender documents Download Start Date & Time 19.09.2019 from 1000 hrs.
Last date & time of uploading complete Pre-qualifying document 31.10.2019 upto 1700 hrs.
Tender document download end date & time 15.11.2019 upto 1700 hrs.
Start date & time of online bid submission 19.09.2019 from 1000 hrs.
Last date & time of online bid-submission (Part I & II) 12.12.2019 upto 1100 hrs.
Date & time of online bid opening (Part-I) 12.12.2019 from 1130 hrs. onwards
The Bids are to be submitted online. For pre-qualifying conditions, cost of the specification, detailed NIT and Earnest Money deposit please visit BBMB website <https://bbmbproc.abcpocure.com> and www.bbmb.gov.in
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Invitation for Bids (IFB) dt. 18.09.2019
The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Double cover system in ONLINE mode only.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Bid-identification No.	Value of Work (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding	Last date and time of seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
					From To		
1	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Bhadrak Municipality for Universal water supply coverage.	EEPHBLS-11 dt.18.09.2019	247.20	03 (Three) calendar months	11:00 Hrs. of dt. 27.09.19 17:00 Hrs. of dt. 14.10.19	17:00 Hrs Of 10:10:19	11:00 Hrs of 18.10.19

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Name and Address of the officer inviting bid :- The Executive Engineer, P.H., Division, Balasore-756056, Odisha, Phone : 9437086137

Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore

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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Tender Notice No. 05/2019 (PURCHASE CELL)
Sealed tenders are invited nationwide from the bona-fide and reputed registered Firms/ Suppliers/ authorized dealers having requisite experience for supply of one (01) latest Heavy Duty Duplicator Machine, one (01) Photocopier Machine and three (03) Heavy Duty Paper Shredder Machines to Patna High Court, Patna. The tender with all requisites must reach the undersigned within three weeks from the date of publication. The terms and condition of the advertisement and other related information may be seen and downloaded from the website of patna High Court: <http://patnahighcourt.gov.in/>.
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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Period of completion	Date of tender submission
1	SITC & Safety Certification of Passenger Lifts in Guest house Building at IIT Indore	Rs. 39,00,000/-	2 months	03:00 PM (submission) Sept. 30, 2019 & 11:00 AM (opening) on Oct. 1, 2019

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No. F-(8)) RMTSC/EPMM-3/2019-20/NIB-440 /2504 Dated: 12.9.2019
NOTICE INVITING BID (NIB-440/2019-20)

S.No.	Detail	Information
1	NIB No.	440
2	Name of item	Orthopedic Operation Table
3	Bid value	14000000.00
4	Last date, time of receipt of bid	14.10.2019 (6:00 P.M.)
5	Rate contract period	24 months
6	Details can be accessed or downloaded from the website	"sppp.raji.nic.in" or "www.dipronline.org" or "https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in" or "www.rmtsc.nic.in"
7	The bid document after filling can be uploaded on website	"https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in"
8	Bid document uploaded fees for non-MSME through challan/banker's cheque/demand draft in favour of MD RMTSC, Jaipur	2000 + 360 (GST @18%) Total amount 2360 /-
	Bid document uploaded fees for MSME through challan/ banker's cheque/ demand draft in favour of MD, RMTSC, Jaipur	1000 + 180 (GST @18%) Total amount 1180/-
9	UBN No.	MSC1920GLR00025

Raj. Samwadi/C/2634/2019-20

Executive Director (EPM) Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Rajasthan, Jaipur.

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Email: directormines1@orissaminerals.gov.in
Date: September 18, 2019

Notice Inviting Tender
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Graphite Mineral and for grant of Composite Licence for Limestone Mineral"
In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10B and Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 2 (two) Minerals Blocks (1 (One) block of Graphite and 1 (One) block of Limestone) for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purpose of grant of *Mining Lease and Composite Licence*.
Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.
Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/micli/index.jsp>).
Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/micli/index.jsp>).
Last date for purchase of Tender Document, after payment of a tender fee of INR 2,00,000 [Rupees Two Lakh] per mineral block, on website of e-auction platform provider is Wednesday, October 30, 2019 and the last date for submission of the bid Wednesday, November 06, 2019 on or before 17:00 hours (IST).
List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

S. No.	Block Name	Mineral	Type of Concession
1.	Naringapanga Block	Graphite	Mining Lease
2.	Uskalvagu Block	Limestone	Composite Licence

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Director of Mines Odisha, Bhubaneswar

BRIEFLY

OECD slashes global outlook to post-crisis low

Paris: The US-China trade war has plunged global growth to its lowest levels in a decade, the OECD said on Thursday. The global economy will see its weakest growth since the 2008-2009 crisis this year, slowing from 3.6 per cent last year to 2.9 per cent this year before a predicted 3 per cent in 2020, it said. **REUTERS**

Trai seeks views to fast-track M&A process

New Delhi: Trai has invited public comments to reform the merger and acquisition rules in the sector.

Mukesh Ambani holding has not increased: RIL

New Delhi: Reliance Industries has clarified that promoter and chairman Mukesh Ambani has not acquired any new shares in the company and that his stake has not increased.

Govt to open up coal sector, invite global players

New Delhi: The Centre is planning to invite global players for roll-out of the auction plan for commercial mining by December, Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said. **PTI**

3 IIL&FS entities turn green after singing pacts

New Delhi: Three IIL&FS firms have moved to green list after signing term sheets with lenders to their debts worth Rs 5,071 crore. **PTI**

Hyundai fined \$47 mn in US for diesel engines

Washington: Hyundai will pay a \$47-million fine for illegally importing and selling dirty diesel engines in violation of US rules. **AFP**

Trump ‘not thrilled’ with US Fed but says Powell’s job safe

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 19

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's job is safe, even though he was "not thrilled" with the central banker after it moved to lower interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point on Wednesday.

"It's safe, yeah, it's safe. I mean, sure, why not?" Trump told Fox News in the interview that aired on Thursday, when asked about the chairman's job. "I mean he's got a job, and you know, I'm disappointed in him." On Wednesday, the Fed voted 7-3 to cut interest rates for the second time this year, lowering its benchmark overnight lending rate to a range of 1.75 per cent to 2.00 per cent even as it signaled a higher bar for further reductions.

Huawei's new phone lacks Google access

REUTERS
MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 19

HUAWEI LAUNCHED its Mate 30 smartphone range on Thursday in a challenge to Apple's new iPhone 11, saying the Chinese firm's new devices were more compact, their cameras superior and wrap-around screens brighter.

"It's got a large screen but it's very compact in your hand," Yu, head of Huawei's consumer business, said of the phone, whose fate in Europe will hang on whether customers buy a device lacking access to software and apps supported by Google. Washington has effectively banned US firms from supplying Huawei.

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PORCHE

Profit motor

Porsche is small but highly lucrative

PORSCHE'S ALLURE to car buyers is built on the growl and scream of its internal-combustion engines. That is why the firm elected not to build the Taycan, its brand-new all-electric model, at a spacious fresh site but instead cram production into a plot at its headquarters in Stuttgart, hemmed in on all sides by suburban housing. Its boss, Oliver Blume, explains that building the Taycan next to the 911 will reassure customers that the new car will embody a sporting image to compare with the model that made Porsche famous.

Making a success of electrification is as vital to Porsche as it is to Volkswagen Group, its parent company, which also launched the ID.3, the first of a range of electric vehicles, at the Frankfurt motor show, which opened on September 10th. In some ways, Porsche is a tiny cog in Volkswagen's machine. It made 253,000 cars in 2018, out of 10.9m vehicles at VW as a whole. And it will sell 20,000 Taycans a year, compared with millions of ID cars. But it makes so much money for VW that some investors and analysts suggest only spinning it off would recognise its true value.

Porsche is VW's high-revving engine. In 2018 it accounted for 10% of the group's revenues and a staggering 30% of profits, almost what Audi, VW's premium marque, made from 1.5m cars. In an industry where operating margins are often in low single digits, Porsche's exceed 18%, with average profit per vehicle a turbocharged €16,250 (\$17,900) compared with €3,200 for Audi and €960 for the mass-market VW brand.

VW picked up the firm for a modest \$8bn a decade ago, after Porsche lost a bitter battle to take over the larger firm, a misadventure that left it on the brink of bankruptcy. This also left the Piëch and Porsche families, descendants of Ferdinand Porsche, the progenitor of both firms, as the biggest shareholders.

Porsche began to boom once it cannily realised that its coveted horse-and-antlers badge could adorn the bonnets of a range of less obviously sporty models. It sold 55,000 sports cars in 2002, when it launched the Cayenne, a bulky SUV. It and a smaller SUV, the Macan, now make up 64% of production. Ferdinand Dudenhöffer of the Centre for Automotive Research, a think-tank, reckons that electric cars could help Porsche double sales in five years.

Now some smaller VW shareholders think it is time to turn Porsche back into a stand-alone business. They point to the value unlocked by the spin-off of Ferrari from Fiat Chrysler in 2015. Using the Italian supercar company as a benchmark, Porsche might be worth €150bn, according to Evercore ISI, an equity-research firm. VW's entire market value is currently around half that. Frank Witter, VW's chief financial officer, last year called the notion a "legitimate question". Herbert Diess, VW's boss, has promised to assess which bits of the group are really core to VW's future. A recent par-



The 2020 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S at the LA Auto Show in Los Angeles, California in 2018. Last year, Porsche accounted for 10 per cent of Volkswagen's revenues and a staggering 30 per cent of profits. *Reuters*

VW's turbocharger			
Vehicle brands, 2018			
Company	Sales, m	Revenues, € bn	Operating profit, € bn
Volkswagen Group			
Volkswagen*	4.2	96.5	4.0
Audi	1.5	59.2	4.7
Skoda/SEAT	1.6	27.5	1.6
Porsche	0.3	23.7	4.1
Bentley	0.01	1.5	-0.3
Other			
Mercedes-Benz	2.8	106.7	7.5
BMW#	2.5	85.8	6.2
Tesla	0.2	15.7	-0.3
Ferrari	0.01	3.4	0.8

Source: Company reports *Excluding China #Includes Mini and Rolls-Royce \$Includes non-vehicle business

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tial flotation of Traton, its lorry-making arm, is a sign that he is prepared to let some parts go.

Porsche may not be one of them. The recent initial public offering of Aston Martin stands as a warning that not all luxury marques roar ahead. Its share price has plunged by 70% or so since the listing last October, as investors have come to suspect that the historic British brand is no Ferrari. Porsche's handsome returns rely in part on sharing the cost of developing new models across the wider group. The Cayenne's underpinnings, for instance, are the same as VW's Touareg and Audi's Q7. Porsche and Audi also plan to share a platform that will underpin several new battery-powered models. Philippe Houchois of Jefferies, a bank, reckons that

such economies of scale are too important to jeopardise.

Another thing standing in the way of a Porsche spin-off is VW's governance structure. Through a stake that confers 20% of voting rights, the state of Lower Saxony can block strategic moves. So, too, can VW's powerful unions, thanks to representation on the company's supervisory board. Neither is likely to support breaking up VW, which would reduce their influence over Porsche's profitable operation. And it is unclear if the Porsche and Piëch families want to split up the vw juggernaut. Porsche's extraordinary performance is unlikely be relinquished by VW any time soon.

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THE IMF'S NEXT BOSS

Sewn up

Kristalina Georgieva is the sole contender to be the IMF's next boss

KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA has been mentioned in connection with every leadership role going at international organisations, from secretary-general of the UN to the head of the European Commission. Were the presidency of the World Bank decided on merit alone, with no consideration of nationality, Ms Georgieva, its chief executive, might have been a shoo-in. She briefly stood in as president after Jim Yong Kim resigned in January, but in April the job went to David Malpass, an American.

Now the Bulgarian seems at last to have nabbed one of the top jobs on a permanent basis. A transatlantic understanding dating back to the Bretton Woods conference in 1944 means that an American leads the World Bank while a European leads the IMF. In August Ms Georgieva became Europe's nominee to replace Christine Lagarde at the fund's helm. Despite noises from the British that they would put forward their own candidate, the deadline for submitting nominees passed on September 6th with Ms Georgieva the sole contender. Her official appointment by early October seems assured.

Since 2017 she has been responsible for much of the running of the World Bank, where, before a stint at the European Commission, she also spent many years as a staffer. As chief executive she is credited with smoothing over differences between Mr Kim and the staff, and leading negotiations with the bank's shareholders for a capital increase.

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with a global economic slowdown. Although she has less macroeconomic expertise than some other early contenders, such as Mark Carney, the governor of the Bank of England, former colleagues point out that she was active in assessing countries' fiscal positions while in Brussels, and helped beef up the European Union's bailout mechanism.

As an academic she wrote a textbook that is still used by undergraduates in Bulgaria. Her expertise in environmental economics is likely to come in handy, too. Masood Ahmed of the Centre for Global Development, a think-tank, reckons that assessing the impact of climate change on macroeconomic and financial stability will become more important for the fund.

The first half of Ms Lagarde's tenure was dominated by Europe's sovereign-debt crisis. The IMF's focus has since shifted to emerging and fragile states. Ms Georgieva will inherit a mess in Argentina. One World Bank staffer notes that other European candidates would probably only have been familiar with emerging markets from their holidays.

Ms Georgieva, by contrast, has spent decades working with the poorer countries



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that are the target of most of the fund's programmes. And her home country made the transition from communism to a market economy in the 1990s. By the fund's own classification Bulgaria is still an emerging economy, with GDP per person less than a quarter that of France, which has supplied four of the fund's last six chiefs.

Ms Georgieva's stature and experience may explain the absence of challengers, which ensured that Europe retained the position despite fraught haggling over the nomination. It was the second such row of the summer. (The first, in June, had been over a package of top EU roles, which created the vacancy at the fund when Ms

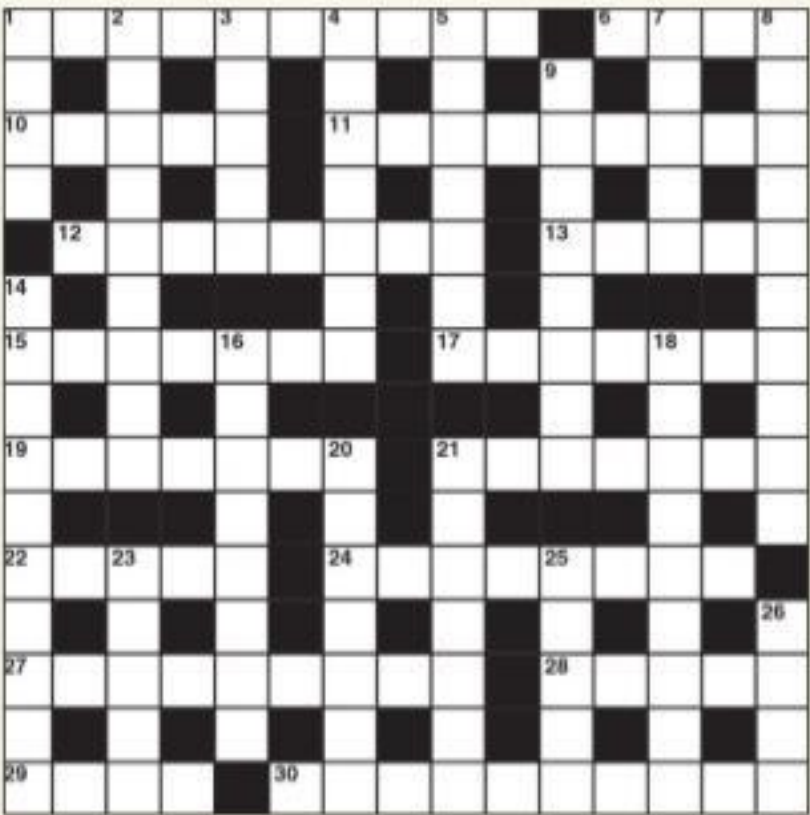
Lagarde was appointed to lead the European Central Bank.) For the IMF job eastern Europeans backed Ms Georgieva, whereas northerners preferred Jeroen Dijsselbloem, a former Dutch finance minister.

When consensus eluded them, the EU's 28 national finance ministers resorted to voting by email (though Britain abstained),

at which point Ms Georgieva gained most support and Mr Dijsselbloem bowed out. Europe's choice, though the result of much wrangling, is set to prevail. One relic of the Bretton Woods era somehow continues to defy the odds.

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CROSSWORD 3915



- ACROSS**
- Capital example of a once walled city (4,6)
 - Backward island not lacking in skill (4)
 - To begin court proceedings present with a writ (5)
 - One at the receiving end (9)
 - It can make a man hate what is repellent to him (8)
 - Bent over an inlet? (5)
 - Those who count in banking (7)
 - One may put one's foot down using this vehicle (7)
 - Being at home, possibly greet a number (7)
 - The prospect for a guardsman (7)
 - Sprightly number in fine disarray (5)
 - Ann becomes engaged to a lean historian (8)
 - A play group organised a short race (9)
 - Might be cold, yet good tempered (5)
 - Aristocrat in a real mess (4)
 - Main thoroughfare used by merchants (5,5)
- DOWN**
- Simple? Yes, with a new form (4)
 - A fault of small type (9)
 - A sheepish expression? (5)
 - Some students are Reds perhaps (7)
 - American citizens with specific reservations (7)
 - You'll find Arabs around this city (5)
 - Choose to speak to the voters (10)
 - Old towel might be worth quite a lot of money (4-2-2)
 - House supports industrial action to make its mark (6,4)
 - Cause to develop and end green, perhaps (8)
 - This outfit fits a French philosopher to a T (9)
 - Possible creator of atomic energy (7)
 - Whistle cord, any enclosed in grease (7)
 - The one opposite appears to look right (5)
 - Light beam that's very strong (5)
 - Frozen field left in the grip of the enemy (4)

Solutions Crossword 3914: Across: 1 Bananas, 5 Auger, 8 Sideboard, 9 Ass, 10 Mode, 12 Sheepdog, 14 Call in, 15 Across, 17 Advances, 18 News, 21 Tar, 22 Orangeade, 24 Cadet, 25 Dogtrot. Down: 1 Besom, 2 Nod, 3 Nibs, 4 Swathe, 5 Audience, 6 Grandiose, 7 Resigns, 11 Delivered, 13 Signpost, 14 Chaotic, 16 Regard, 19 Spent, 20 Agog, 23 Air.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

No man is good enough to ___ another man without the other's ___. - Abraham Lincoln (6,...,7)

DEEOR



GIINNN



STOAT



AINCGV

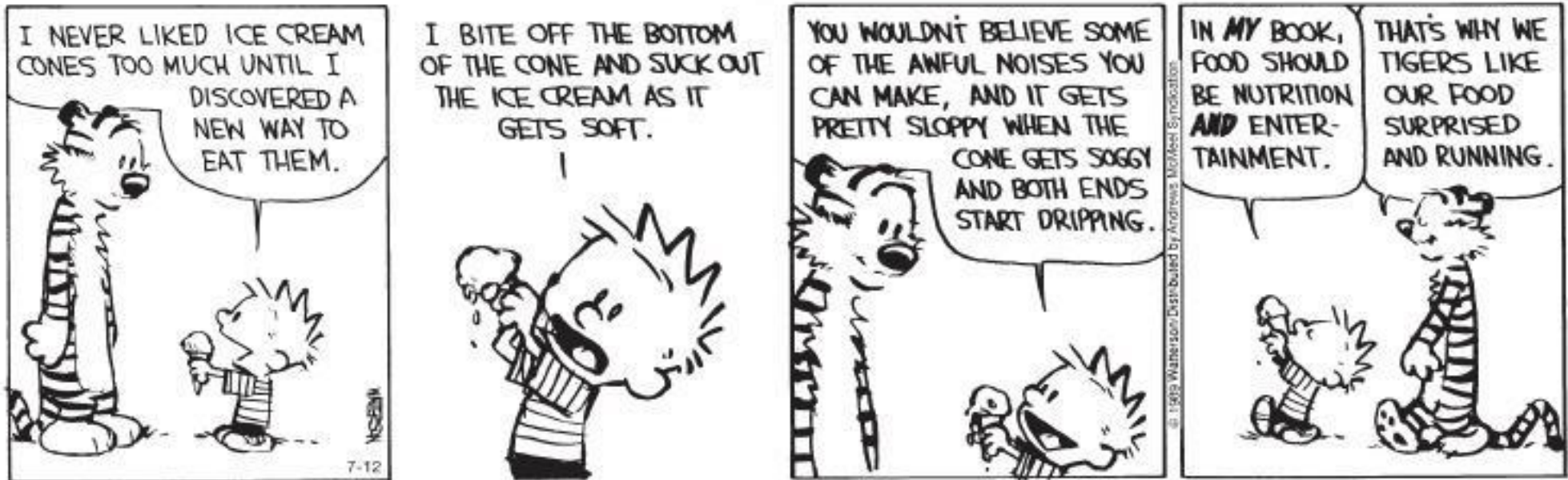


SOLUTION: ERODE, TOAST, INNING, CAVING
Answer: No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent.

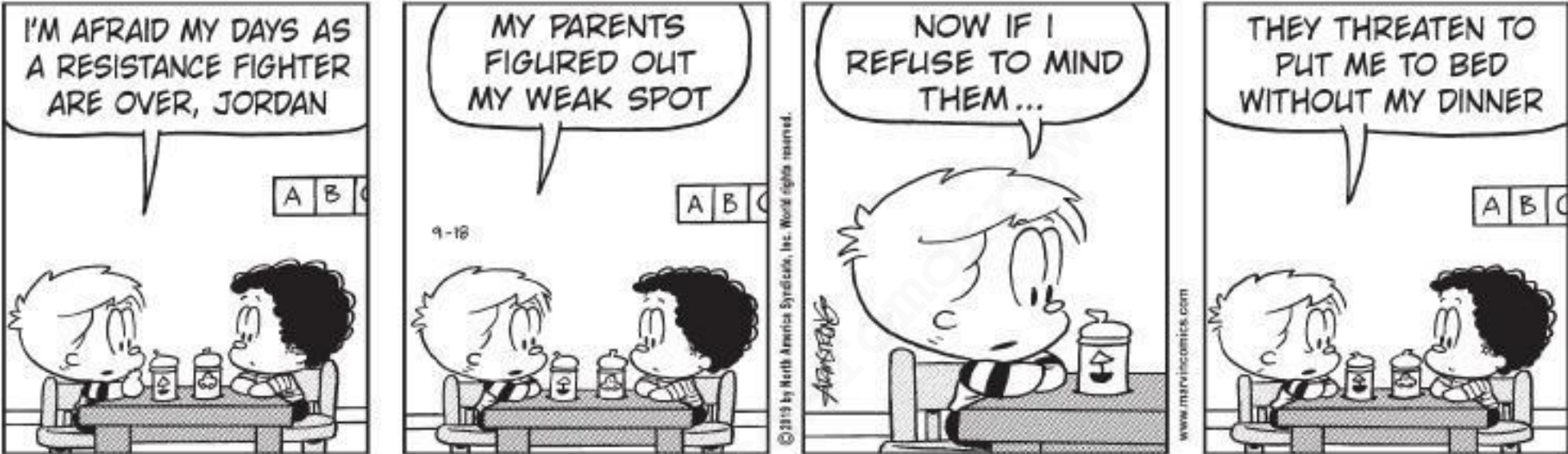
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3974



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Mars, planet of assertion and energy, encourages a high-spending mentality. General conditions are genuinely prosperous and profitable, but it's up to you to pick the offers that provide real rewards and avoid those which could lead you up a blind alley. It's all in the small print.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You are not known as an impatient or intolerant person, but you do have your belligerent side. It's not that I think arguments are wrong that I advise caution now, but since it looks as if you may go off at half-cock, you could actually make matters worse. Stay cool and make things better.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Business influences loom large. We're talking about commitments in the order of large purchases, domestic outlay and even property acquisitions. Overall, it's not a time for bargains. Your extravagant tendencies extend towards partnership proposals, and a lavish gesture could secure your ends.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Look forward beyond immediate strains and see that your innate charm and personal grace are your biggest joint asset. Be confident and realise that, with a flutter of your eyelashes and a discreet wink, you can wrap almost anyone around your little finger.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You are currently blessed with remarkable sensitivity and intuition. The only question is whether you can distinguish genuine perceptions from idle hopes, wishes and fears. This is not as easy as it sounds, especially as the facts seem to be shielded by a layer of fantasy.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

A colleague or business associate should be taken to task although, if legal questions are on the agenda, you may be motivated by the broad spirit rather than the precise letter of the law. In other words, you're after justice rather than revenge.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

If you have been using finances as a lever to pressurise other people or have applied money as a means of emotional manipulation, then please take care. Any and all such devious actions may be about to blow up in your face. And that's precisely why you'd better play it straight.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

If you're undecided, then why don't you wait until after the weekend before taking a firm choice as to the next stage or phase of activity. Above all, remember that current planetary influences tend to make you impulsive, reckless and liable to go over the top.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You have some very intense needs at the moment, like your desire to be understood. You're also in an ambitious mood; self-motivation is a very well, but you may pick up the wrong end of the stick. Don't take secret fears and worries too seriously. For some reason, your imagination is trying to wind you up.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It's an uneven moment and you're picking up mixed messages from close partners. Even if all is sweetness and light there are rumblings of discontent. If you are able, you must be flexible with people who deserve your consideration, but firm with those who do not.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You may feel pulled in two directions, not necessarily a bad thing. You'll re-examine your choices and review all outstanding options. Over the coming days, home and family, emotion and intellect, imagination and practicality will appear as irreconcilable. The truth, however, may point in a different direction.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You may have become accustomed to being used as a sounding board for other people's complaints and problems. Possibly you should tell partners and colleagues to stop whingeing and get on with their lives. But do so in a way which doesn't offend unnecessarily.

UTTAR HARYANA BIJU VITRAN NIGAM
CORRIGENDUM-III NOTICE
Sr. No.: 1.
LETTER/MEMO NO. & DATE: Ch-35/XEN/R-APDRP/SG-AMC/FMS/NIT-24 Dated 18.09.2019
NAME OF DEPT./BOARD/CORP/AUTH: Chief Technology Officer.
OLD REFERENCE/NIT/TENDER NO.: 24/XEN R-APDRP/SG-AMC/FMS/2019
NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM: Date Extended.
WEBSITE OF THE DEPT./BOARD CORP/AUTH.: www.uhbnv.org.in.
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 93175-54907, seproject@uhbnv.org.in
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Sr.DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 129-DRM-MB-19-20 closing date 15.10.2019 16:00 hrs. **Name of work :** Repair of Quarter Floor, Plaster work Replacement of Roof and Sanitary work of Lat. Bath, at Kahaliya Aigwar, Anjhi Shahbad, Todarpur, Behita Gokul Gang quarter in the section of SSEW/RAC under ADEN/ Shahjahanpur. **Tender closing date/time:** 15.10.2019 16:00. **Cost of work :** Rs.2697428.90 **Earnest Money:** Rs.54000.00 **Tender Cost :** Rs.3000.00. **Bidding start date :** 01.10.2019 and **Period of Completion :** 06 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/registered bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers and not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.ireps.gov.in Contractors are allowed to make payments against this towards tender documents cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed. **Tender No. 129-DRM-MB-19-20 Dated : 18.09.2019** 3010/19
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Managing Director,
Haryana Tourism Corporation,
Chandigarh.
78848/HRY

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT
ANDHRA PRADESH DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECT - CREDIT NO: 5694-IN
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)
IFB NOS : 01&02/ AP/FOREST/APDRP/IGZP/2019-20, Dt. 16-09-2019
Government of India have received a credit from the international Development Association towards the cost of Andhra Pradesh Disaster Recovery Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works. The Project Manager, PIU(APFD), APDRP, Visakhapatnam invites 1st call through online item rate e-bids from the registered bidders of Government of Andhra Pradesh or other State Governments / Government of India or State / Central Government undertakings for the i) Providing protection wall for Elephant moat in Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam & ii) Reconstruction of night houses (4nos.) at Primate Section, in Indira, Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam through website of Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> of National Informatics Center. The details of IFB NOS : 01&02/ AP/FOREST/APDRP/IGZP/2019-20, Dt. 16-09-2019 is available at the website www.pred.gov.in and UNDB website (www.devbusiness.com) from 25.09.2019 onwards. Sd/-
Project Manager,
APDRP, Visakhapatnam
R. O. No.: 142PD/CL/ADVT/11/2019-20 **PIU (FD), APDRP, Visakhapatnam**

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL
General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Neha D/o Sh. Ram Pal Singh R/o H. No. B-2/149, 25 Futa Road, Lal Mandir, Harsh Vihar, Delhi Aged - about 16 Years has been reported kidnapped since 05.09.2018 vide **FIR No 434/18 u/s 363 IPC Dated 07.09.2018** lodged at Police Station Harsh Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Blue coloured top, black coloured pajama and black sandel in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Harsh Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Harsh Vihar, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-22342074, 22342073
DP/7272/NE/19 Mob.: 8750870734

Appeal for Identification
General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** K. Uday Kumar, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, **Age:** 50 yrs. Approx. **Height:** 5' Approx. **Complexion:** Shallow, **Gender:** Male, **Wearing:** White Colour Blue Lining Shirt & Pajama. **ID Mark:** Mentally Weak. **Place of Recovery:** Admitted in IHBAS Hospital Since 10.03.2014 by order Sh. AK Agrawal (MM KKD Court, Delhi) and Died during Treatment.
In this regard, **DD No. 28-A dated 11.09.2019 at 11.13 Hrs.** has been lodged at PS Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.
Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
SHO
P.S., Laxmi Nagar, Delhi
Ph. : 011-22542992, 22441741,
8750870621
DP/7040/ED/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Aamir** S/o Afzal R/o H. No. H-341, Near Nehraj Masjid, Idgah Road, Janta Majdoor Colony, Welcome, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 243/19 dated 03.05.2019 u/s 323/376 IPC** registered at P.S. Welcome, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Aamir** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Aamir** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Aamir** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.10.2019**
By Order
Sh. Vikram,
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate, (Court No. 31)
Shahdara, Karkardooma Court, Delhi
DP/7321/NE/19 (Court Notice)

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Nargis, D/o Mahbub, R/o:** K.K. Kaushik Ka Makan, Sadh Maharaj Wali Gali, Pooth Khurd, Delhi, **Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 4', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, wearing Orange-Blue colour Suit & Blue Colour Salwar and Chappal in feet, has been missing from the Area of P.S. Bawana, Outer North Distt., Delhi since 25.08.2019. In this regard a **FIR No. 452/19 U/s 363 IPC, dated 27.08.2019** has been registered at P.S. Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
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Fax: 011-24368639
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SHO
P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27751949, 27756090
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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL
General public is here by informed that one girl **Namely:** Neetu, D/o Mahender Pal, R/o H.No. A-2/249, Nand Nagri, Delhi **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Grey Colour Kurta, Grey Colour Pajami & Chappal in feet has been missing since 15.07.2019 from his house.
In this regard a DD No. 141-A dated 18.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.
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SEARCH OF MISSING
General public is hereby informed that one girl, (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Amreen, D/o: Rehmuddn, R/o: A-1064, Gali No.22 Shri Ram Colony, Delhi **Aged:** about 18-19 years, has been missing from her house since 08.07.2019 at vide **DD No. 37-A, Dated 09.07.2019**, has been lodged at P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:
Complexion: Fair,**Height:** 5' Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Unknown.
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SEARCH FOR Kidnapped Person
General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **namely: Vijay @ Golu S/o Sh. Malkhan Singh R/o 98/20, Keshav Mohalla, Vill- Ghitorni, New Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped since **29.06.2019**. In this regard **FIR No. 366/19 dated 16.07.2019** has been registered at **PS. Vasant Kunj South, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Archana Kumari, D/o Sh. Ravinder Thakur, R/o:** 4B/22, Top Floor, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from her house since **09.09.2019** at 9:00 am from the area of P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 151/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 09.09.2019** has been registered at P.S. Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under: **Age:** 17 yrs 9 months, **Height:** 5'1", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour jeans & t-shirt. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that Arwind Khan S/o Pemee Ali R/o Jhuggi No.14, Kaluer Ccolony, bhalswa Dairy, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) offence case **FIR No. 000059/16 U/s 380/411 IPC**, has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Arwind Khan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Arwind Khan absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Arwind Khan of case **CC No. 000059/16 U/s 380/411 IPC**, at P.S. Narela, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.11.2019**.
By Order
Ms. Divya Malhotra
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 116, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/565/ON/19

21 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD



LOST AND FOUND

In 2009, ten of American artist Andy Warhol's works from the series "Athletes" were stolen from businessman Richard L. Weisman's Los Angeles home. The recovered works will be auctioned by Christie's in November. It includes portraits of Muhammad Ali and OJ Simpson.

AROUND TOWN



Note by Note

A THREE-DAY Thumri Festival, organised by Sahitya Kala Parishad, aims to promote the genre of music that blends Hindustani classical with traits of folk literature. On day one, there will be performances by Devashish Dey, Debapriya Adhikary and Samanwaya (pictured) and Arati Ankalikar-Tikekar. On the second day, artistes Pt Sarathi Chatterjee, Pt Ganesh Prasad Mishra and Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande will be performing. The last day will see renowned artistes Pt Rajendra Sijuar, Dhanashree Pandit Rai and Pt Channulal Mishra take the stage. From September 23 to 25, 6.30 pm, Kamani Auditorium. Entry is free.



(Clockwise from top) A still from 1982; Tunisian film *Noura's Dream*; Jaspreet Sandhu; a still from *Rocks* Photo Courtesy: TIFF

SHUBHRA GUPTA

SOME OF the most invigorating, bursting-with-fresh-perspectives-and-points-of-view movies at the latest edition of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF 2019) that concluded last week, either featured highly interesting female characters, or were helmed by female directors, or both.

Hinde Boujemaa's fine Tunisian debut, *Noura's Dream* focuses on a woman, a still youthful mother of three, who wants to put behind her an abusive husband, and build something new with a lover. But things are not as simple as they seem: for a woman, wherever in the world she may be, following her heart can be fraught with challenges.

Celebrated actor-director Nadine Labaki also plays a conflicted woman, but in a different country, and in a different year. *1982*, directed by Oualid Mouaness, is based on his memories of the fateful day when Israeli forces invaded Beirut. The lovely Labaki plays a school teacher who has to choose between a brother and a potential suitor. For a woman, making a choice is sometimes being forced, heartbreakingly, to not making a choice at all.

All the way across the globe, in New York, Nicole is struggling to extricate herself from a marriage with Charlie, in Noah Baumbach's *Marriage Story*. Scarlett Johansson is marvelous (as is Adam Driver, in the role of Charlie) as she wades through the movie, showing us glimpses of a woman who wants to be a good wife and mother; but who also wants to be herself. No, Nicole is no saint, but she's no demon either.

Also in New York, when the jaw-droppingly limber Jennifer Lopez twirls around a pole in Lorene Scafaria's *Hustlers*, you don't just see a body, you see the person behind it. That's what a feminist gaze does to a film about strippers: it goes beyond.

And multi-culti London is the location of one of my absolute favourite films, *Rocks*, directed by Sarah Gavron, who worked intensively and with a great deal of empathy with non-actors to create its universe of

Her Seat at the Table

TIFF has been raising the bar on gender parity — from the films it showcases to initiating a female-inclusive facilitation programme



teenage girls, most of them from immigrant families, trying to find their groove.

The central character is called Rocks. That's not her real name, of course. It's just what she goes by at school, and amongst her friends, as she tries to negotiate circumstances no 15-year-old should have to: an absentee mother, zero money, and a little brother to look after.

Even till about five years back, the discovery of a female gaze in a film was a matter of pure luck. The intervening years have been marked by an increase of women in cinema, with entries at the technical level, as well as on the different tiers that control the making of movies. This is a global movement which has resulted, slowly, but surely, in women owning more and more space on and behind the screen.

TIFF vocally prides itself on raising the bar on gender parity, and nearly 50 per cent of its programmers are female, which is bringing a distinct female forwardness in the selection of movies showcased. This is



When women are hired in key positions, they hire other women

JASPREET SANDHU



not just during the festival: TIFF's 'Share Her Journey' programme, which runs round-the-year, focuses on identifying and facilitating women who want an entry into the film industry, creating an environment for skill development, and providing access to hitherto tightly controlled spaces.

I speak to the Toronto born-and-bred Jaspreet Sandhu, 34, who has been with TIFF for the past 11 years, and is aware that the work with the 'Share Her Journey' programme has just begun. She says, "We don't want a situation where we are sitting back and saying, 'oh look, the checklist is complete.'" How would she assess the progress of the programme that began two years back? "Year One was about getting the message out, Year Two, it sort of exploded because we got a lot of interested women reaching out to us. Now, in Year Three, we want to see what has progressively changed, to reach back to the women (126 in the first year, 120 in the second): how do they see the programme as having

impacted them?"

Such programmes usually take a long time to catch traction, especially because filmmaking has been for so long, intrinsically, such a male-dominated industry. Sandhu, who went to film school and trained in production, speaks wryly of how she hated being called "little lady" on the set: "I sound like a kid, but I'm not". She certainly is not: working on something that is so close to her heart has made her a passionate votary for increased female presence on and off the set. "When women are hired in key positions, they hire other women, and this is what Rima (Das) was talking about at her panel," she says.

Das, an official ambassador for 'Share Her Journey', spoke at this edition of TIFF about being not just the only woman on the set, but also someone who can justifiably be seen as a changemaker and an inspirational figure. Das has pretty much made her films on her own, donning the many hats a film requires (director, producer, screenplay writer, cinematographer, editor) on both *Village Rockstars* and *Bulbul Can Sing*, which premiered at TIFF 2018.

"Yes, of course it is difficult. Filmmaking is never easy," says Das, as we sit side-by-side for a late-night screening. "But the way I looked at it is if there was no job for me, I made my own job," says she. And judging by what Das has done in her ground-breaking work till now, that's a very fine job indeed.

Last year, Geena Davis headlined a 'Share Her Journey' rally mid-fest, speaking about the importance of getting more women to be visible. "Even in a crowd scene, if there are as many women as men, it shifts something," she said to loud approving roars. And Nandita Das gave a rousing speech on what it is like to create a niche in a closed industry like Bollywood.

How about increasing female viewership? "That is key. The act of watching is itself powerful because after that you go out and talk about what you've seen, and that supports our movement," says Sandhu.

This I can vouch for. You see women like Noura, Nicole, Rocks, and there is no way on earth that you're not going to talk about them, and share their journey.

SNAPSHOT

Was it or Was it Not?

IN A series of tweets, writer Salman Rushdie took a tongue-in-cheek swipe at author William Dalrymple, after Lucas Wittmann of the *Time* magazine posted about Dalrymple's talk in New York, on his latest book, *The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company*. Dalrymple's talk, Wittmann tweeted, referenced the "second draft of Hamlet in London" — a point Rushdie was quick to take up, commenting on the fact that Dalrymple's knowledge of several drafts of Shakespeare's Hamlet "could revolutionise Shakespeare scholarship". A bit of banter with those who responded — Dalrymple not included — later, Rushdie concluded with another caustic jibe: "I just hope @DalrympleWill's grasp of Indian history is surer than his attempt at literary history".

Rushdie, whose new book, *Quichotte*, came out last month, is no stranger to literary feuds, of course. After a scathing epistolary exchange with John Le Carré over the latter's perceived support for the fatwa brigade following the publication of *Satanic Verses* in 1989, he's also been embroiled in a mini war of words with American novelist and critic John Updike in the past. The reason? He didn't like Updike's review of *Shalimar the Clown* (2006) in *The New Yorker*. But, then, Rushdie is hardly the first writer to have spats with his colleagues. From Ernest Hemingway and F Scott Fitzgerald to AS Byatt and Margaret Drabble, sisters and bitter rivals, to, more recently, Colson Whitehead and Richard Ford, literature has had many instances of bitter rivalry between writers, poets and critics.

"It's going to be nasty," poet Derek



Salman Rushdie (top); William Dalrymple

Walcott had declared at his session at the Calabash International Literary Festival, 2008, before reading out from his poem, *The Mongoose*, which began famously with these lines: "I have been bitten. I must avoid infection. Or else I'll be as dead as Naipaul's fiction." It was a culmination of sorts of decades of bad blood between the two literary giants — Walcott and VS Naipaul — but what would art be without a bit of fireworks between its eccentric creators?

One Step Away

Heritage activist Vikramjit Singh Rooprai has documented the baolis of Delhi in his latest book

SURBHI GUPTA

WHEN AUTHOR and heritage activist Vikramjit Singh Rooprai first came to know about the Munirka Baoli, he took a tour of the entire urban village near Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University, to hunt for it, but could not find any historical structure, except the dilapidated tomb of Malik Munirka. Later, when he checked the land records from 1950s and '60s, he realised that a part of the village was demolished to make space for the area now known as RK Puram. The baoli of Munirka is now in Sector 5 of the locality and dates back to the Lodhi era. Comprising a few tombs, prayer hall and grave platforms, it makes the Wazirpur Gumbad Complex. It shares walls with a modern-day gurudwara and a temple. Known for his blogs and the heritage walks he conducts, Rooprai mentions the structure in his recently released book *Delhi Heritage: Top 10 Baolis* (Rs 399, Niyogi Books).

"Baolis became popular after they featured in a few movies. Until then, they were ignored," says Rooprai. He points out how baolis were once an important part of daily life as they provided water to the neighbouring population. In the book, he mentions how noon time was reserved for women and mornings and evenings for men. A man would never go near a baoli or a tank in the middle of the day. "This shows the amount of respect, discipline and dignity people maintained," says he.



Vikramjit Singh Rooprai; (top) Kotla Feroz Shah Baoli

Rooprai has been exploring heritage structures in Delhi, especially baolis, for over a decade. His first trip was to Rajon ki Baoli, which resides deep inside the Mehrauli Archaeological Park, and was built during the reign of Sikandar Shah Lodhi, followed by Gandhak ki Baoli, also in Mehrauli, which was one of the first

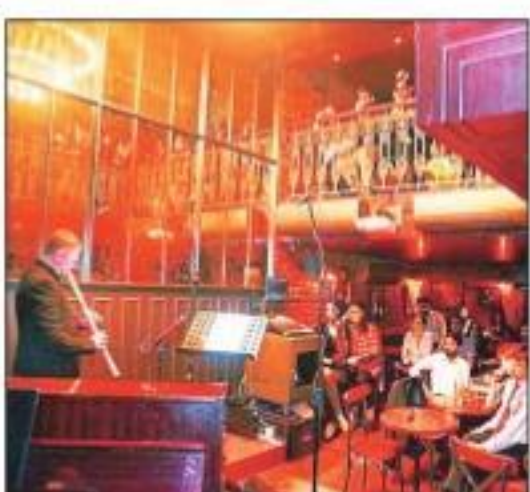
stepwells in Delhi, built by Shams-ud-Din Iltutmish for Khwaja Qutb-ud-Din Bakhtiyar Kaki. "Not many knew of Ugrasen ki Baoli till the film *PK* released. At that time, the only baoli known in Delhi was Hazrat Nizam-ud-din Baoli," he says. He recalls how when he first saw Dwarka Baoli in 2012, it was a dilapidated pit filled with garbage. "After the media reported about it, government took action, and in the last two years, the baoli has been restored to its present clean state," he says. For research, he referred to books such as *Monuments of Delhi* by Maulvi Zafar Hasan, *Waqyat-i-Darul-Huqoomat-e-Delhi* by Bashir-ud-Din Ahmed, *Asar-us-Sanadid* by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, and *Delhi — Architectural Remains of the Delhi Sultanate Period* by Tatsuro Yamamoto, Matsuo Ara and Tokifusa Tsukinowa, among others.

"A huge amount of science and engineering skill was involved in constructing a baoli — from the principle of sedimentation to pressure, many concepts of science are evident. The orientation of each baoli shows that the medieval engineers had mastered the art of keeping the water cool throughout the year," says Rooprai, who has helped establish The Heritage Photography Club and Heritage Labs in schools, Delhi University and NIFT.

He points out how hundreds of wells and dozens of stepwells were aligned with freshwater streams. "If we recharge them, we can push water to entire Delhi, without having to dig up new tunnels/channels — it is a simple technique that we are no longer using. When the British declared these water structures unhygienic, their usage stopped and they began to be ignored," says Rooprai. He plans to write three more books in the series — on forts, mosques and monument complexes in Delhi.

Diving Deep

IN THE book *Unruly Figures*, Navaneetha Mokkil, Assistant Professor at JNU, tracks the cultural practices through which sexual figures are produced in public imagination. Her analysis includes representations of the prostitute figure in popular media, trajectories of queer-ness in Malayalam films, public discourse on lesbian sexuality and the autobiographical project of sex worker and activist Nalini Jameela, among other aspects. A discussion on the book will take place at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU, on September 20, 6.30 to 8 pm.



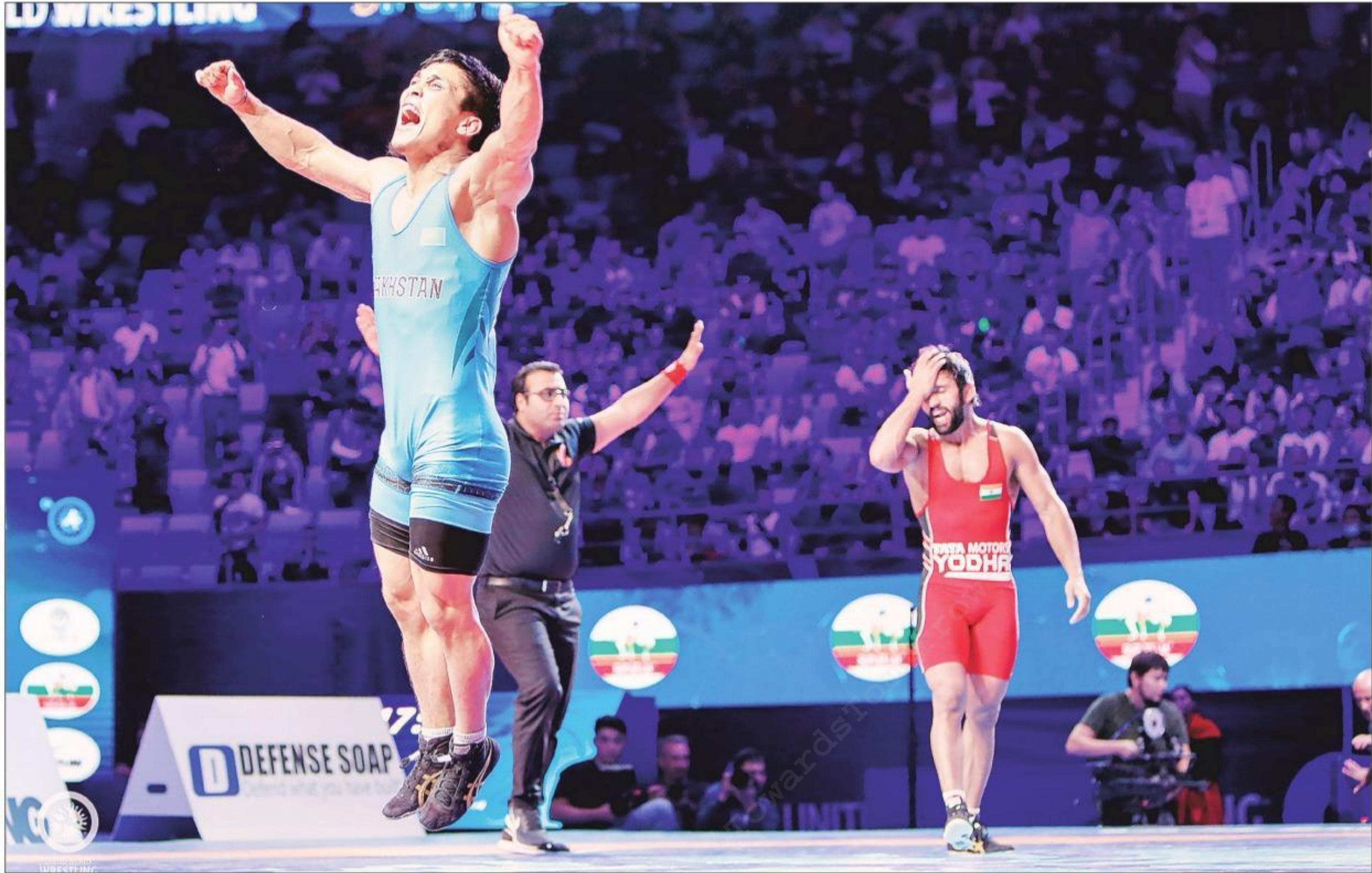
All that Jazz

THE PIANO Man Jazz Club is celebrating its four years with a series of gigs. On September 20, 7 pm, singer-songwriter Bhavya Raj will take the stage, followed by The Original Knock-Off's, at 9 pm, who engage with a range of genres from classic rock to jazz and blues to RnB and soul. On September 21, 7 pm, Krishna and Prakti will perform. While Krishna is a trained Carnatic music vocalist, Prakti is a guitarist, influenced by John Mayer and John Butler, among others. The 9 pm slot is dedicated to Bollywood, that will approach classic Hindi film tunes through a format of jazz harmony and rhythms. At B 6-7/22, Safdarjung Enclave Market. Tickets are available on *bookmyshow*.



That's the Spirit

EXHAUSTED FROM her romance in Tokyo, Yuriko returns to her hometown on Yugafu Island and reunites with a spirit called Majiru, whose duty is to bless mortals and protect the island and Yuriko. But things start to get hectic as soon as she arrives. What happens next makes the plot of the Japanese film *A Midsummer's Okinawan Dream*, directed by Yuji Nakae. It will be supported by English subtitles. On September 20, 6.30 pm, at The Japan Foundation, 5A, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar IV.



Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov reacts after edging out Bajrang Punia on criteria in their 65 kg freestyle semifinal bout at the Wrestling World Championships on Thursday. Bajrang, who clinched a berth for the Tokyo Olympics on Thursday, will fight for the bronze medal on Friday. *PTI*

Allegations of cheating as Bajrang loses in semifinal

Astana (Kazakhstan): Bajrang Punia, World No.1 65kg freestyle wrestler, lost his semifinal bout against home wrestler Daulet Niyazbekov in a controversial manner after locking down an Olympics berth on Day 6 of the World Championships on Thursday. Bajrang's frustrated coach Shako Benitidis was visibly furious at some of the decisions as the semifinal bout ended 9-9. Since Niyazbekov had secured a bigger throw of four points in the bout, he was declared the winner.

In a fiercely fought affair, the referee gave ample time to a tiring Niyazbekov to catch his breath and he was not given caution at least thrice. Instead Niyazbekov was awarded four points when it was Bajrang who had effected a throw at the edge of the circle.

"I challenged it and they should have given at least two points to Bajrang for that hold," said coach Benitidis.

The Indian, who won silver in the last edition, will now fight for the bronze medal on Friday. "It was clear that the mat chairman favoured the home wrestler," said a coach who did not wish to be named.

Experts and neutral observers also were of the view that Bajrang got shortchanged.

Ben Askren, Ultimate Fighting Championship star and former Olympic wrestler, tweeted: "Daton (Fix) got screwed! Bajrang got screwed!"

Pooja misses out

Meanwhile, India's campaign in the women's competition folded following Pooja Dhand's defeat in the bronze medal bout and first round exits of Sakshi Malik and Diviya Kakran. Pooja lost the 59kg bronze medal play-off 3-5 to 2018 Asian champion Xingru Pei of China.

PTI & ENS

MIHIR VASA VDA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THAT INDIA would win an Olympic quota at the World Wrestling Championship in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Thursday was a given. But few would have imagined that Ravi Dahiya, the 20-year-old 57kg freestyle wrestler who was making his debut at this stage, would get there before Bajrang Punia, the 65kg world number one who is also India's biggest medal hope in Tokyo. But Dahiya, as the world learnt, has a reputation of stoking curiosity and being the 'unlikely man'.

Belying his years and wrestling like a veteran, he commanded the fraternity's undivided attention with his ability to script comebacks, launch powerful attacks and seamlessly adjust to different match situations as he came within a whisker of making the final, before the clock – not so much his much-vaunted opponent – stopped him. He would now fight for the bronze medal on Friday.

Before Dahiya announced himself to the world in that fashion, he had done the same during the selection trials in July, where he emerged as the improbable winner in what is arguably the most competitive weight category in the country.

If you ignore the general chaos that surrounds it, not many domestic tournaments in India can match up to the selection trials for a major international wrestling championship. There is a genuine buzz around it and the emotions, on the mat and in the stands, are raw; so much so that a fight, free-for-all, is never too far away.

The trials for the World Championships were no different. The spotlight was as

Wrest assured

On his Worlds debut, Ravi, 20, destroys reputations to bag Tokyo quota; to fight for bronze today



In the quarterfinal, Dahiya defeated Japan's Yuki Takahashi, the 2017 world champion, to lock down India's Olympic quota. *PTI*

usual on the established names – Sushil Kumar, Bajrang et al – but some anticipation was reserved for Dahiya as well.

After all, he had been hyped up as the next big thing from the assembly line that is Delhi's Chhatrasal Stadium. Sushil, the two-time Olympic medalist and Chhatrasal's most famous alumnus, called Dahiya a wrestler with plenty of jigar (courage). And the medals at junior level only added to his reputation.

But not many had expected him to

straight away dominate a weight class that boasts of established wrestlers such as Uttar Pradesh's Sandeep Tomar, who competed in the Rio Olympics, and Utkarsh Kale of Maharashtra.

Dahiya – who spends hours watching videos of his idol Hasan Yazdani, the Olympic champion from Iran – himself was pleasantly surprised. The call-up to the national camp, a first for him, was more exciting to him because that meant, in addition to watching Yazdani's clips, he could dis-

MARKRAM MAKES 161

Skipper Aiden Markram and allrounder Wiaan Mulder hit superb hundreds as South Africa 'A' fought their way to 400 all out against India 'A' on day 3 of the second unofficial Test here on Thursday. Markram geared up for the three-Test series against India with a superb 161, while Mulder made 131*.

To book quota, Vinesh did opposite of what coaches told her

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ASTANA (KAZAKHSTAN), SEPTEMBER 19

THAT VINESH Phogat is her own person was proved yet again when she altered the strategy devised by the coaches for the key Olympic qualification match and came out trumps. Ahead of her world championships' Olympic qualifying bout, the precise tactics suggested by coach Woller Akos were to "stay away from Sarah Ann Hildebrandt, block her right arm and protect the legs".

Vinesh did exactly the opposite.

"Coaches were suggesting something else but I felt something different on the mat and changed tactics accordingly. I felt she was getting in, but because I was not conceding point, it was exhausting her," Vinesh said in an interview after claiming the 53kg category bronze and the Tokyo Olympics berth here. "So, I thought let's lure her into leg attacks more and stay solid in defense to completely wear her out. I let her come in but held her off. It worked for me. I knew how much strength she had compared to mine."

The American number one got hold off of Vinesh's right leg in the second repechage bout five times but could not convert those moves into points. "Even if she had scored a few points, she would have got tired because she would have used all her power," Vinesh added.

The 25-year-old claims to be a person prone to mood swings even when it comes to smallest of matters like eating, sleeping, reading, and talking to people. Some advised her that she should not get married because she might lose spark but she proved them wrong. She knows what it means to win a big medal. She has not yet forgotten how the Rio Olympics injury confined her to a wheel-chair for some weeks.

"My mother has almost stopped watching my bouts. She fears I may return with a broken leg again. Even if she watches, she will make it tough for others by shouting like –*Arrey tang chhod de meri beti ki, tod na diyo* (Leave the leg of my daughter, don't break it)."

While her mother keeps praying when her bout is on, her husband Sombir Rathee chips in with his inputs. "He may not have won medals but has a sharp wrestling mind. He would come up saying the same things what my foreign coach would suggest."

Vision 2020

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Land of the Rising ruggers

The Rugby World Cup begins in Japan with the hosts taking on Russia in the opener.
A look at the opening shots before the big guns roll in

Cheery Blossoms

Japan had lit up the last World Cup beating the Springboks in a stunning opening game while winning two more - a result that catapulted then-coach Eddie Jones to the England top boss job. They will look to hit bullet train speed when they start in Group A against Russia, playing at home at Ajinomoto Stadium. Grouped with Samoa, Ireland and Wales, the Blossoms are considered the biggies amongst the tier two nations, but still small fry amongst the heavyweights. The beasts from east drew with France in Paris a few seasons ago, and will back themselves to nick a few upsets and sneak into the last 8.

Coached by former New Zealand flanker Jamie Joseph, the Asian regulars at World Cups since 1991 and Pacific powerhouse, Japan are bullish against Russian Bears, and there's talk of a 40-point win margin.

Japan's top team Sunwolves plays in Super Rugby, but the coach is expectedly wary of the Bears who believe in crowding opponents with scorch-earth penalty kicks but have only learnt to play high-intensity beyond 50 minutes after they got fast tracked into the Cup last year. Joseph though reckons the Bears could stampeaded against the Blossoms in the last five minutes.

Grin in & Bear it

Russia were ushered into the World Cup from the back door after Romania, Spain and Belgium got disqualified for eligibility breaches during qualification. Vladimir Putin is expected to attend the opening game, but *Guardian* noted that as yet he hadn't passed on any good luck message to the world No 20 squad, staying realistic about the minnows who have never won a match at the World Cup. Welshman Lyn Jones coaching the Bears has hauled down expectations from the fortuitous qualifiers by giving them a 20 percent chance, though they led Blossoms until the 73rd minute playing on neutral terrain last year. A 85-15 thumping to Italy was sobering and even an injection of one billion roubles (£12.45m) from the Russian Union as soon as their qualification was confirmed, might not be enough for a magical turnaround.



(Clockwise) Russia train in Tokyo ahead of their World Cup opener against Japan. Dogs dressed in Japanese rugby shirts. *Reuters*

rugby hosts. Japan has gone high-tech to the T. T for toilets, with their customised flush speeds, bidet and heated seats, to the extent that most fussy teams (starts with E, ends with D) and visitors have been memorising instruction manuals. Other etiquettes like not talking on phone in the train and not walking while eating are being drilled into the rugby tourists. The opening ceremony is under wraps, but Japan's Air Self-Defence Force's Blue Impulse - is expected to start off with aerial acrobatics above the stadium before the opening game.

13000 volunteers, two-thirds who know English are expected to help out with the ferrying of fans, while those not conversant with English, have been taught that they can get by with a smile and a high-five.

This bunch is called Team No-Side which, according to *Guardian*, dates back to the times when referees would call "no-side" at the end of the match, when neither team had the ball. It's gone off the rugby radar in England, but it's stuck in

RUGGER THAT

■ Michael Leitch, will become the second player to captain Japan at two World Cups, and is one of eight players in Japan's matchday squad who were also in the 23 that defeated South Africa in the Brave Blossoms' RWC 2015 opener.

■ Luke Thompson, at 38 the oldest player at the World Cup, could become the oldest to represent Japan in the competition with four Cup appearances. Should he come off the bench, Thompson will surpass Hitoshi Ono, who was 37 in 2015WC.

■ Winger Kotaro Matsushima is prolific with a minimum one try in five of his last six test appearances, with a total of six.

■ Bears captain Vasily Artemyev is a Dublin native while their fly-half Yuri Kushnarev has well over 100 caps for his country.

■ Tighthead prop, Kiril Gotovtsev, competed as a wrestler and bobsleighter before, aged 26, he transitioned to rugby's front row.

Japan, where it has grown into an idiom that means everyone should put aside their differences and get together to share a drink at the end of the game, the idea being that there's "no side" for winners or losers. A paternal, kindly Japanese tech honcho had used the phrase post-Brexit referendum, which the Japanese will not broach out of politeness. 'Galvanic skin responses' is the new buzzword in sport heading into the twin big events in Japan - rugby and the Olympics. It means sweating. Most travelling teams are wary of spilled passes and sloppy handling due to excessive humidity. So teams have trained with balls lathered with sun-screens and early afternoon games are likely to be affected by the heat.

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Guardian Angel takes PSG home

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 19

ANGEL Di Maria was hailed as "exceptional" after scoring twice against his former club as Paris Saint-Germain shrugged off the absences of Neymar and Kylian Mbappe and thrashed Real Madrid 3-0 on Wednesday to get off to the perfect start in the Champions League. Di Maria beat Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois at his near post to put PSG ahead in the 14th minute at the Parc des Princes, but it was his second goal just after the half-hour that really lit up this encounter.

The Argentine, who starred for Real for four years and won the Champions League with them in 2014 before moving to Manchester United, gave Courtois no chance with a left-footed shot from 20 yards out that arrowed into the corner.

Thomas Meunier added the gloss at the death but it was Di Maria who had cleared the way, stepping into the gap left by the injured Mbappe and Edinson Cavani as well as suspended Neymar. "We can't be too surprised because he has been showing for more than a year now that he is capable of performances like that," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel. "He was exceptional tonight. He is always dangerous." After a summer dominated by the saga of whether Neymar would leave, it was a reminder that the French champions have others capable of winning such games.

These two clubs are trying to recover some of their lustre after disappointing campaigns in Europe last season, but for PSG this result is a measure of revenge for their defeat at the hands of Real in the last 16 the previous year. They remain unbeaten at home in the Champions League group stage since 2004 and they are already in control of Group A before facing Galatasaray and Club Brugge, who drew 0-0 on Wednesday. "Everyone was saying how could we win with all these players out but maybe that meant we were not the favourites and it can also help when you don't feel too much pressure," Tuchel added.

Real remain far from convincing since Zinedine Zidane's return for a second spell as coach of the 13-time European Cup winners. There is still much work to be done if they are to go deep in this competition again after being humbled by Ajax in the last 16 last spring. "PSG are a good team and created lots of chances but what worries me is that my team played without any intensity," Zidane

RESULTS

GROUP A
Club Brugge 0 Galatasaray 0
Paris Saint-Germain 3 Real Madrid 0

GROUP B
Olympiakos Piraeus 2 Tottenham Hotspur 2
Bayern Munich 3 Red Star Belgrade 0

GROUP C
Dinamo Zagreb 4 Atalanta 0
Shakhtar Donetsk 0 Manchester City 3

GROUP D
Atletico Madrid 2 Juventus 2
Leverkusen 1 Lokomotiv Moscow 2

lamented as his team failed to muster a shot on target. "We didn't really ever get going. We usually create lots of chances and today, well we scored two goals but both were disallowed. Apart from that there was nothing."

They had a Gareth Bale goal disallowed for handball after a VAR review just after going two behind, while Eden Hazard struggled to make an impact on his first start since his move from Chelsea. Madrid were also handicapped by the absences of Sergio Ramos, Nacho and Marcelo in defence as well as Ballon d'Or winner Luka Modric in midfield.

PSG, confusingly wearing white while the visitors wore dark blue, opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Di Maria latched onto a Juan Bernat cutback from the left byline and fired in. Hazard shot just wide at the other end moments later and Bale curled a free-kick over the bar from the edge of the area. Just after that, in the 33rd minute, Di Maria took a touch and smashed a shot into the right-hand corner to make it 2-0.

Then came Bale's disallowed goal, and the Welshman came close again in first-half stoppage time, yet the Spanish giants created little in the second half apart from a Karim Benzema goal that was ruled out for offside. Hazard, meanwhile, departed 20 minutes from time having failed to make his mark, and PSG scored again in stoppage time.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE J&K



Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of Apple

Department of Horticulture J&K Government in collaboration with Government of India have launched Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of Apples from fruit growers of J&K. The scheme was launched by Shri Satya Pal Malik, Hon'ble Governor, J&K on 12th of September, 2019 at Horticulture Complex Rajbagh Srinagar.

Salient Features of Scheme;

- Remunerative Prices.
- Four Procurement Centres Anantnag (Batengoo); Shopian; Srinagar (Parimpora); Sopore.
- The procurement shall be made strictly from genuine Apple growers.
- Payment through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) within three days.
- SNA/NAFED shall make arrangement for transportation of Apples from procurement centres onwards.
- Grade-wise Apples are accepted in card board/ wooden boxes at procurement Centres.

Procurement Rate (Rs./Kg) of Apples under MIS

S.No.	Grade	Delicious			American	Maharaji
		Cardboard grass packing	Cardboard tray packing	Wood Packing	Cardboard grass packing	Cardboard grass packing
1	A	52.00	53.00	54.00	48.00	40.00
2	B	36.00	37.00	38.00	32.00	25.00
3	C	15.75	-	-	18.00	19.00

- The rates are inclusive of packaging, loading and transportation upto procurement centres.
- Fruit Growers shall make advance registration at procurement centres.

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